



City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council,
March 21, 2024*

Upon the Recommendation of Councilors Jeremy Dubs, Rachel Maiore, and Quaverly Rothenberg

R-24.030 A Resolution In Support of The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan in Northampton

WHEREAS the Americans With Disabilities Act, the most far-reaching extension of civil rights protections following the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was enacted in 1990 by overwhelming majorities of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS on October 2nd, 2020, Former Mayor Narkewicz adopted Northampton's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to serve Northampton's residents by strengthening the City's capacity for providing equal access to people with disabilities in public programs, services, and activities; and

WHEREAS Northampton's ADA Transition plan reflects Northampton's enduring values of equity and accessibility for all; and

WHEREAS the ADA Transition Plan states that "the City needs to reinvigorate its commitment to reducing operational, structural, and communication barriers that limit the participation of people with disabilities in the life of the community";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that present and future City Councilors familiarize themselves with the ADA Transition Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council applies the ADA Transition Plan's guidelines as a lens to assess items and projects that come before it for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council recommends that the ADA Coordinator periodically report to City Council on the progress of the City's implementation of the ADA transition plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the City evolves amid substantive projects and department expansions, the council recommends that the ADA Transition Plan be periodically evaluated and amended to evolve in accordance with such changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant of the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to Northampton's Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, ADA Coordinator Keith Benoit and all Department heads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the City evolves amid substantive projects and department expansions, the council recommends that the ADA Transition Plan be periodically evaluated and amended to evolve in accordance with such changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant of the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to Northampton's Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, ADA Coordinator Keith Benoit and all Department heads.

In City Council, April 4, 2024

Adopted in Final Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Attest: *Laura Krutzler*, Clerk of Council

Passed final reading and enrolled.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Northampton City Council on April 4, 2024

Per Charter Section 3-6, non-binding resolutions are not required to be presented to the Mayor for approval.

Attest: *Laura Krutzler*, Clerk of Council