

Passed 6-1 (Asare) (Flaherty, Rosenbarger absent)

Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana

Resolution 2026-22 –

To Approve an Update to the City of Bloomington's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

Preamble

WHEREAS, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits state and local governments from discriminating against people on the basis of their disability and from excluding people from participation in governmental programs, services, or activities because of their disability; and

WHEREAS, the ADA requires all public agencies with more than 50 employees to maintain an up-to-date Transition Plan, which should survey accessibility barriers in programs and services and implement a plan to remove them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington works with state and federal agencies that require an up-to-date ADA Transition Plan approved by the City's legislative body as a condition of receiving federal funding, including the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington prepared its first ADA Transition Plan in 1990 and has updated it several times since then, most recently in 2024 via Resolution 2024-22; and

WHEREAS, the document proposed for adoption by the Common Council will satisfy the ADA's requirement to have an up-to-date Transition Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with the Council for Community Accessibility, has focused this year's ADA update on improving awareness and changing attitudes around barriers to accessibility in Bloomington, as well as gathering data on the accessibility of public rights of way, public transportation, accommodations, and city amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City's goal is to ensure program accessibility for people with disabilities by meeting or exceeding the requirements of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that barriers to accessibility remain and that the ADA Transition Plan helps to identify those barriers and plans for removal.

Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, that:

Section 1. Approval and Authorization.

The 2026 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan is approved as an advisory document outlining a plan for the City of Bloomington to be accessible to people of all abilities and is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, sentence or provision of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

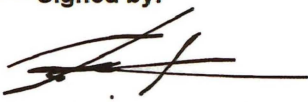
Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and signature by the Mayor.

Passed

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 14th day of October, 2026.

Signed by:



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Signature of Common Council President Isak Asare

Attestation of Bloomington City Clerk:

Signature of Bloomington City Clerk Nicole Bolden

Signed by:



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Presentation by Bloomington City Clerk:

Presented by me to the Mayor of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this day of _____, 2026.

Signed by:
Nicole Bolden 10/21/2026 | 12:58 PM EDT
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Signature of Bloomington City Clerk Nicole Bolden

Approval by the Mayor:

Signed and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signed by:
 10/27/2026 | 1:57 PM EDT
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Signature of Mayor Kerry Thomson

Synopsis:

This resolution approves the City of Bloomington’s 2026 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan as an advisory document. The Plan identifies the City’s ongoing efforts to improve accessibility and address barriers to participation in City programs, services, activities, facilities, and public rights-of-way.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, CFRD, HAND, Legal, Mayor, and Planning.