

ADA Task Force

REPORT OUT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

DECEMBER 5, 2017



Summary of ADA Task Force

- Appointed January, 2017
- Met five times
- Formed three committees:
 - State Committee (mostly concentrated on state building code changes)
 - Local Committee (focused on current accessibility issues in Lexington)
 - Public Education Committee (sought out better ways to educate the public)
- Completed recommendations in October, 2017



Members

- Cash Olszowy, Residential Building Inspection Manager - Division of Building Inspection
- Christina Espinosa-Bard, Community Education Director- UK Human Development Institute
- Dewey Crowe, Director - Division of Building Inspection
- **Jason Jones, ADA Taskforce Chair**, Project Coordinator - UK Human Development Institute
- Laura Thomas, Chair - Mayor's Commission for People with Disabilities
- Michael Farmer, Fire Marshal - Lexington Fire Department
- Norb Ryan, Former State ADA Coordinator
- Peggy Henson, Urban County Council - 11th District
- Ray Sexton, Executive Director - Lexington Human Rights Commission
- Richard Moloney, Urban County Council - Council At-Large
- Roger Daman, ADA Coordinator - LFUCG
- Suzie Loveday, Grants Manager - LFUCG
- Willis Deitz, Executive Director - Independence Place

10 Recommendations

1. Establish the ADA Task Force as a permanent advisory committee to the Council
2. Increase capacity of the city's ADA coordinator to do sign offs on all new commercial construction permits submitted to the Division of Building Inspection

3. Require all inspectors within the Division of Building Inspection be certified as an ICC Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner Certification
4. Increase/allocate funding to the Lexington Human Rights Commission to go towards accessibility assessments and enforcement

5. Perform a complete review of the city's current ADA transition plan

6. Leverage the city's public relations resources to design a PSA campaign

to address parking and access information, correct myths about accessibility and inform the public about using the Lexington Human Rights Commission to lodge complaints

7. Create a voluntary accessibility certification for business owners in Lexington

8. Search and apply for community improvement grants

to fund accessibility improvements, educate residents and advertise the city's commitment to be an inclusive community

9. Develop and print a “top 10” list of issues regarding accessibility of structures to be used by inspectors from the Divisions of Fire and Building Inspection as a quick reference guide

- Doors too heavy to open
- No landing at top of ramps
- Door width, particularly in bathrooms
- Placement of toilet paper & soap dispensers
- Light switch placement
- Missing curb cuts on routes or from parking
- Poor accessible parking striping & signage
- Blocked entryways & ramp access
- Aisle width less than 36 inches

10. Amendments to the Kentucky Building Code, submitted July 22, 2017 to the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction

- All egress doors must maintain a clear net opening width not less than 32 inches (Section R311.2)
- When a portion of a building is changed to a new occupancy classification, the building should have at least one accessible entrance and at least one accessible route from an accessible entrance to primary function areas (Section 3411.4.1)
- The percentage of the cost of providing the accessible route is not required to exceed 25 percent of the costs of the alterations affecting the area of primary function; a list of possible accessible elements to implement in order of priority was provided (Section 3411.7)

Questions
