

MOTION

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Regulations were amended by the Title II Web and Mobile Accessibility Final Rule (89 FR 31320, published April 24, 2024), and include Subpart H (Web and Mobile Accessibility) requirements, which will go into effect for State and Local Governments with 50,000 or more persons on April 24, 2026.


The City of Los Angeles is committed to meeting these requirements. The City is the publisher of Chapter 1A of the LAMC (New Zoning Code), which has an online interactive display at zoning.lacity.gov, and the City also coordinates closely with American Legal Publishing on the publication and maintenance of the LAMC as a whole.

Technology is continuously evolving, including accessibility tools such as screen readers, and tools used to audit websites for accessibility. As such, even when a site is compliant to the best of the City's ability on the deadline, opportunities to improve accessibility may arise as technology evolves. Additionally, the City will need to be able to quickly make nonsubstantive changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to remedy any issues with ADA compliance that may arise.

Compliance with ADA requirements entails numerous non-substantive amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). Examples of amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code needed for ADA compliance may include but are not limited to changes such as: 1) replacing symbols with words of an equivalent meaning to support the ability of a screen-readers to accurately read the content, 2) locating the key to a table before instead of after the table to improve the understandability of the content, and 3) updating the color contrast in graphics.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to work with the City's code publisher(s) to implement revisions to the LAMC for ADA compliance purposes as needed to correct identified non-substantive, technical errors through a similar approach as was implemented through Council File 23-0047 (Gender References/ Los Angeles Municipal Code/ Amendment), which did not require a formal ordinance process.

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