



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 23-112, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the City of Homer Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Parks, Play Areas, and Campgrounds and will be included as a Chapter of the City of Homer ADA Transition Plan for City Facilities, Services and Programs. Aderhold.

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In the summer of 2021 and 2022 the ADA Advisory Board working with Parks Staff and the ADA Coordinator performed site audits and evaluations on the following city parks, play areas and campgrounds:

- Karen Hornaday Park, Play Area and Campground
- Mariner Park Day Use and Campground
- Seafarer's Memorial Park
- Fishing Hole Campground
- Bishop's Beach Park and Beluga Slough Trail
- Jack Gist Park
- Bayview Park

These parks, play areas and campgrounds were selected based on the high volume of usage by residents and visitors.

The ADA Transition Plan for Parks, Play Areas and Campgrounds (Parks Transition Plan) was drafted similar to the format of the Facilities Transition Plan with the intent to combine all transition plans into one document at a future date.

The ADA Advisory Board determined that it would be easier to perform site audits and evaluations on city trails, recreational programs and services separate from the Parks Transition Plan due to the amount of work involved and capacity of staff.

The Parks Transition Plan lists the ADA regulations that address the non-compliance issues found at each location from the following regulatory documents: 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design; ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG); and Federal Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines (ODAG).

Certain park elements do not yet have a final adopted standard, these include trails, picnic areas and campgrounds. On these elements, the ODAG was used.

The Parks Transition Plan provides a brief description with photograph of the barriers and performance-based solutions in the form of project recommendations along with a projected timeline. Some of these projects may require further design prior to implementation. All improvements will require maintenance to ensure continued compliance with these guidelines and should be accounted for in future budgets. Further methods to make programs or services accessible are referenced in the plan.

Recommendation:

Approve the City of Homer ADA Transition Plan for Parks, Play Areas and Campgrounds.