

S U B S T I T U T E **O R D E R**

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to acknowledge the life and enduring legacy of Babette Peyton, native Chicagoan, United State Army Veteran, business and civic leader, gold-medalist archer, Paralympic champion, disability rights advocate, coach, mentor, and all-around trailblazer of the 17th ward; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a landmark piece of legislation that protects the civil rights of people with disabilities that passed in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in all programs, activities, and services of public entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to ensuring that its programs, services, and activities are accessible to individuals with disabilities, consistent with Title II of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, regulations issued under Title II of the ADA state that governments with 50 or more employees shall develop “a transition plan setting forth the steps necessary to complete” any changes made to facilities “to achieve program accessibility,” 28 CFR 35.150(d)(1), as well as “a schedule for providing curb ramps or other sloped areas at intersections to streets, roads, or highways,” 28 CFR 35.150(d)(2); and

WHEREAS, an ADA transition plan should designate the official responsible for coordination of the plan, which the City of Chicago has done in designating the Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities the ADA Coordinator for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities is developing an accessibility action plan for the City which will identify areas for strategic investment to improve accessibility and remove barriers; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that City services, programs, and activities are accessible, as well as City facilities including the public right-of-way, is a core City value; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Chicago develop an ADA transition plan with the participation of all relevant departments, including but not limited to the Mayor’s Office, the Chicago Department of Transportation, and the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, in accordance with the requirements of the ADA.

SECTION 2. That relevant City Departments report to the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, or its successor committee, or a Joint Committee of the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, or its successor committee, and any other committee of the City Council relevant to the progress on the transition plan every 6 months until the final publication of the ADA transition plan.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this order shall be construed to create any private right of action beyond those provided by applicable federal and state law.

SECTION 4. This order shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

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