

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: November 8, 2010

SUBJECT: ADA Compliance – Accessibility Assessment

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: Communications -- Manager's Report
Item Number: 8-B
Department: Administration
Planning & Development Services
Contact: Marcy Onieal, Town Manager
Presenter: Marcy Onieal, Town Manager

BRIEF SUMMARY: The manager and staff recently became aware of the Town's failure to comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act between 1990 and 1993, which was the window of opportunity for the Town to become compliant with the Act upon its enactment by Congress, particularly with regard to accessibility of public facilities. With the assistance of professional volunteer (unpaid) advisors, staff has undertaken a complete audit of town facilities in recent weeks to ensure compliance with all provisions of ADA, which is federal law, as well as with all accessibility requirements adopted by the State of NC, specifically through adoption/incorporation/observance of applicable provisions of related standards (ANSI, UCC, ICC) by the NC Building Code.

The attached report outlines in detail the areas where the Town is currently non-compliant, and it takes into consideration which codes were applicable at the time of original construction or subsequent renovation. Minor modifications which can be accomplished in-house are already underway within the adopted budget for this purpose. A request for proposals will be issued in November for work that will require structural modifications or professional services. Upon receipt of proposals and/or estimates, staff, in consultation with an ADA Advisory Committee, will prioritize the work to be done and proceed within the adopted budget. Due to heavy rental schedule in November and December, work at Lakeview Center is scheduled to commence in January, 2011. Staff will follow with an updated report and cost estimate of work remaining to be done at that time.

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Board-adopted allocation of \$25,000 from General Fund and a private donation in the amount of \$67,910 for Lakeview Center upgrades are included in the FY10-11 adopted budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Preliminary Staff Report; Detailed Audit Report & Drawings

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: No action by the board is required at this time; implementation of required ADA upgrades beyond the resources already allocated in the current budget will require a budget amendment and allocation of additional financial resources in an amount to be determined upon receipt of bids and/or professional estimates.