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Victoria Parks

President Pro Tempore

Accessibility Motion

As part of this Council's efforts to increase accessibility and equity in Cincinnati, a review was conducted by the administration on how to increase the accessibility of public events for those with disabilities. After a review of requirements from the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors (CABA) and the Office of Aging and Accessibility were asked for recommendations on how to improve public events. They made a variety of suggestions outlined in an October 30th, 2024 report from the City Manager. Our public events should be truly open to the public, and that means making them accessible to all who wish to enjoy our great city.

WE MOVE that the administration enact the following requirements to increase visibility and accessibility of wheelchair-accessible restrooms at public events

- Event producers should provide written information within the event brochure regarding the accommodations available to individuals with disabilities at the event, which includes location of accessible toilets and the procedures for contacting professional staff if questions or problems arise pertaining to accessibility for person with disabilities
- Place signage at each privy area that directs individuals to the accessible portable toilets
- Within the permit application, the office of special events should provide event producers with a link to Chapter 6 of Access-Board.gov which provides up-to-date guidance on ADA accessibility standards related to portable toilets
- The city should require event producers to designate and provide contact information for an individual to address accessibility complaints during an event. This information can be captured during the application permit process
- The city should implement a system for event attendees to report issues regarding inaccessibility through 311. Event organizers would receive notification regarding lack of access, providing the opportunity to address barriers and ensure that accessibility is maintained throughout the event

- The Office of Aging and Accessibility should offer a "resource guide" that shares best practice and lists vendors that provide ADA-compliant portable toilets and other accessible event features, making it easier for event planners to comply with accessibility requirements and best practices



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