RESOLUTION NO.2007-25

ACCOMMODATION FOR CITIZENS WITH ACCESSIBILITY DIFFICULTIES

WHEREAS, the City strives to comply with the rules and intent of Federal and State regulations regarding providing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of Federal funding, the City is obligated to bring existing public facilities into compliance to allow public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, improvements to City facilities, such as public buildings and parks, are a main priority for modifications to allow for access by community members; and

WHEREAS, accessible routes along rights-of-way and intersections are a priority for improvements and will be improved as funding permits; and

WHEREAS, given that the population of elderly individuals will only be on the rise due to advances in technology/medical care, the City must remain proactive in aiding those with accessibility challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST FALLS, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. City as an Employer

The City will continue the policy of selecting employees and making employment decisions, including classification, transfer, discipline, and discharge, without regard to the race, religion, gender, age, national origin, or non-job-related disability. No job, or class of jobs, will be closed to any individual except where a mental or physical attribute, gender, or age is a bona fide occupational qualification.

Section 2. City’s Development Review

City Departments will continue to review new facilities, and improvements to existing facilities, for ADA compliance.

Within the Site Plan Review process and during review of Building Permits, the Community Development Department will assess ADA compliance; reviewing accessibility within rights-of-way, accessibility between the limits of rights-of-way and along accessible routes leading to structures, and accessibility within structures.

Section 3. City’s Public Involvement
The City should strive for continuous involvement with a Citizen Advisory Committee, providing an opportunity for those with accessibility challenges/concerns in the community to become involved as a positive resource.

Section 4. ADA Compliance Officer

The City shall designate a City Risk Manager as the ADA Compliance Officer and 504/ADA Coordinator, tasked with implementing the City’s ADA Compliance Program and complying with regulatory requirements as a fund recipient.

The Risk Manager shall coordinate with City departments to ensure sufficient public outreach is provided, including, but not limited to, the following:

- City notices for public hearings and public meeting include statements that the meeting venue is accessible to persons with disabilities.

- All correspondence shall include a TDD phone number for persons with disabilities to request for customer service assistance.

Enacted by the City Council as a Resolution of the City of Post Falls on the 18 day of December 2007.

Approved by the Mayor on the 19 day of December 2007.

CITY OF POST FALLS

ATTEST:

Clay/Larkin, Mayor

Christene Pappas, City Clerk