## 2026 Title VI Goals & 2025 Accomplishments Report For the CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA



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## **2026 Title VI Goals**

- Continue to develop and distribute an annual ADA & Title VI information sheet to Departments
  providing useful information related to nondiscrimination policies and regulations and reminder
  of employees to report any complaints of discrimination and any encounters with LEP
  individuals.
- 2. Continue to publish annually a non discrimination statement on the City website and at City Hall.
- **3.** Continue to post an annual Title VI Nondiscrimination Notice of Nondiscrimination in all City buildings signed by the Mayor.
- **4.** Continue to monitor and use Census data, reports from departments, voluntary survey, and any other method available to ensure that minority populations and LEP individuals have access to the City's program, activities, and services.
- **5.** Obtain a current list of federally funded projects, review and assure that non discrimination language continues to be used in contract and subcontracts.

## **2025 Title VI Accomplishments**

<u>Goal #1</u> – Continue to publish an article in one of the City's quarterly newsletters to remind citizens of our plan.

An article was published in the Fall 2025 quarterly newsletter:

The below document is posted in City Hall and on the City website:

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Section 504) and implementing regulations found in 28 CFR 35 and 49 CFR 27, the City of Columbia City will not and does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in its policies, or in the admission of, access to, treatment of or employment in its services, programs, or activities.

**Employment:** The City of Columbia City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The City of Columbia City will generally, upon request, make all reasonable efforts to provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Columbia City's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

**Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The City of Columbia City will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the City of Columbia City offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Columbia City, should contact Beth Igney, Human Resources Director/ADA Coordinator at 260-248-5109 as soon as possible but no later than 48 business hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the City of Columbia City to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the City of Columbia City is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Beth Igney, Human Resources Director/ADA Coordinator.

The City of Columbia City will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Mayor, City of Columbia City

Date

<u>Goal #3</u> = Continue to post an annual Title VI notice of Nondiscrimination , signed by the Mayor, in all departments.

An annual Title VI notice of Nondiscrimination was posted in all departments.

Goal #4 – Continue to monitor and use Census data.

Updated Census data may be viewed in the 2025 Title VI Implementation Plan. Interaction with City residents who don't speak English is still low.

This past year, we did not have any Public Involvement Surveys submitted and no LEP encounters were reported by County Departments.

<u>Goal #5</u> – Continue to keep a current list of federally-funded transportation projects and ensure that non discrimination language continues to be used in contracts.

There are currently no federal funded projects as of 9/19/2025