

Scope of Consent Order (September 12, 2002)

1. New Transition Plan 60 days from 9/12/2002 date
2. Min. 150 curb cuts / yr. Downtown within 2 yrs. All remaining curb cuts 5 yrs.
3. Existing Public Facilities shall comply within 2 yrs. Spend up to \$200,000 / yr.
4. Services & Policies: Re-evaluate all policies ASAP
5. Ensure Local Building Codes comply with ADA
6. Agree to contact Craighead County Courthouse regarding parking
7. Agree to contact County Judge regarding parking
8. All City's new construction shall comply with ADA
9. Pay Plaintiff \$55,000 for damages, attorney's fees, and cost.
10. Trial scheduled week of October 21, 2002 is canceled.
11. Court retains jurisdiction over this case.

Itemized Update for Consent Order

1. The City of Jonesboro's Transition Plan was developed and included significant portions of the Settlement Agreement. Please refer to the Transition Plan for specific Settlement Agreement items. Numerous updates have been performed since the Transition Plan's development.
2. The ADA Compliance Coordinators divided the City of Jonesboro into 5 geographic areas for sidewalk inventories and projects. All sidewalk curb cut projects are scheduled to be completed by July 12, 2007.
3. Existing Public Facilities were made accessible to the maximum extent feasible using the accessibility requirements of the ADA guidelines. Please refer to the Transition Plan for specific accommodations.
4. Craig – our transition plan states that all policies will be re-evaluated and I've been told that this re-evaluation took place. I would recommend documenting which policies were reviewed & by whom and then include in the transition plan also place some language in this section and then refer reader to trans. plan.
5. The City of Jonesboro's Building Codes require accessibility and mesh with the Americans with Disability's Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).
6. The City contacted Craighead County Courthouse and currently the entire parking lot has been overlaid and re-stripped which include accessible spaces.
7. The City contacted the County Judge and currently the entire parking lot has been overlaid and re-stripped which include accessible spaces.
8. The City of Jonesboro strives to have all new construction meet or exceed the minimum accessibility requirements. City employees of various departments have attended formal ADA Training to help ensure compliance with this item. The City wants to lead by example in regards to accessibility (community centers, playgrounds, street/sidewalk improvements, communication/format at public meetings, bus stops, etc.).

9. The City of Jonesboro has paid the Plaintiff \$55,000.
10. Trial canceled and the City started work to comply with the Consent Judgment.
11. The City has kept the Court informed with the progress over the past 5 years.
Also, when progress was slow, the City would still report to the Court and request additional time for specific items.

Schedule to Meet September 12, 2007 Consent Order

The City of Jonesboro is substantially complete with the Consent Order items listed above. The few remaining sidewalk curb cuts are scheduled for completion within two weeks. It has taken a 5 year schedule with help of several City Departments to bring City services and programs into compliance with the ADA and the Consent Order. Now that the City has fully complied with the Consent Order, the City will maintain a Transition Plan and continue to follow regulations even after the September 12, 2007 deadline (i.e. Asphalt overlay of streets trigger bringing sidewalks into compliance). Also, before the Sept. 12, 2007 deadline, the Engineering Department in conjunction with the Maintenance and Inspection Departments plan to perform a “sweep” to ensure compliance at all City buildings and/or where programs & services are provided. This will help make certain that oversight and omissions are addressed appropriately. A similar City wide “sweep” for the sidewalk curb cuts is planned after the last sidewalk ramp project is finished.

Summary - Recommendations

- Develop work order to complete any outstanding curb cuts
- Complete item 4 above
- Perform the two “sweeps” mentioned above
- Organize all expenses for past 5 years and include in trans. plan.
- Re-structure ADA transition plan and update
- Utilize visual curb cut data (i.e. maps) instead of spreadsheet info.
- Gather all ADA projects into one folder & organize all documents
- Consult with attorneys before deadline for further guidance