

**Commission for Accessibility  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, November 18, 2024 5:00PM**

**Via Zoom** (access information below). Should someone need a special accommodation in order to participate in this meeting please contact Karen Gaudian at 203 807-4524.

**Policy: Commission for Accessibility meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.**

Commission for Accessibility Chairman, Don Ciota, is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting hosted by Tony Philips, Town ADA Coordinator.

Topic: Ridgefield Commission for Accessibility

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

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**5:00 PM. Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes:** October 7, 2024

## **Proposed Meeting Dates\* for 2025:**

<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>
<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>July n/a</b>	<b>Aug n/a</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>

\*All meetings are Via Zoom on Monday of the dates above at 5:00 PM.

## **Public Comment**

### **Comparison of ADA Title II and Title III requirements.**

Under the ADA the requirements for accessibility compliance is stricter for Title II entities than for those of Title III. Please explain the differences.

#### **Title II Entities: Public Entities**

- **Who it Covers:** Title II applies to all **state and local government entities** .
- **Accessibility Requirements:**
- **Stricter Standards:**
- **Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans:**

#### **Title III Entities: Private Businesses and Nonprofits**

- **Who it Covers:** Title III applies to **places of public accommodation** operated by private entities. This includes hotels, restaurants, theaters, retail stores, schools, doctors' offices, and other private businesses that serve the public.
- **Accessibility Requirements:**
- **Less Strict Standards:** "readily achievable"
- **New Construction and Alterations: Key Differences in Requirements**
- **Physical Accessibility:**
- **Communication Accessibility:**

- **Programmatic Accessibility:**

**ADA Compliance for town-owned properties leased to a third party.**

### **Title II Applicability**

- **Public Ownership:**
- **Public Responsibility:**

### **Title III Applicability**

- **Third-Party Operation by a Nonprofit: Joint Responsibilities**

### **Practical Implications:**

To summarize:

- **If the town maintains control or responsibility**, Title II requirements would likely govern accessibility.
- **If the nonprofit has full control and responsibility**, Title III may apply to its operations.

**If both have shared responsibilities**, a combination of Title II and Title III requirements might be enforced

**Adjourn.**

**Next Meeting:**

December 6