

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

For more information about local resources, including services for Norwich residents in crisis, please contact Norwich Human Services at lgomes@cityofnorwich.org or 860-823-3778.

For local advocacy information and assistance, visit the website of Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC) at www.dnec.org or call them at 860-823-1898 (videophone 860-237-4515). DNEC, located in Norwich, is one of the five independent living centers in the state, all of which promote and support the independence of people with disabilities and their full inclusion into society.

To learn more about the ADA, visit the website of the New England ADA Technical Assistance Center at www.newenglandada.org or call them at 800-949-4232. The Center provides a variety of excellent documents on the different Titles of the ADA.



*Promoting equal access
for people with
disabilities to City
services and programs*

The Norwich Commission for Persons with Disabilities was created in 2015 to monitor, encourage, and acknowledge the City's compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The ADA is a federal law that protects the civil rights of people with disabilities. Title II is the section of the ADA that covers the obligations of state and local governments.

The Commission is comprised of nine members, four of whom must be people with disabilities. Application to serve on the Commission may be made online or at the City Clerk's Office. Members are appointed by the City Council.

Commission meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM in Room 319 of City Hall. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for public comment. Members of the public may also attend full meetings as observers. The Commission welcomes public participation in its work advocating for compliance with the City's obligations.

As a part of City government, the Commission regularly works collaboratively with City departments, such as **Public Works, Human Services, and Human Resources.** In this role, the Commission often receives and evaluates compliance concerns and forwards them, when appropriate, to the relevant department heads.

During every year, the Commission participates in local activities and organizes its own, such as Disability Awareness Week. Such pursuits fulfill the Commission's goal of being thoroughly integrated into the fabric of the City we serve.

To connect with the Commission or to obtain this brochure in alternative format (Braille, large print, electronic), please contact City ADA Coordinator Brigid Marks at

bmmarks@cityofnorwich.org or **860-823-3786.**

ADA complaints about the City should also be submitted to Brigid.

***The keystone principle of the ADA is:
Equal Opportunity!***

