

City of West Lafayette Policy for Use of Mobility Devices

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act and subsequent regulations, it is the policy of City of West Lafayette that mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities are generally permitted in all facilities and programs, as described below.

Definitions:

- "Wheelchair" is defined as "a manually-operated or power-driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor or of both indoor and outdoor locomotion." This definition includes mobility scooters.
- A "mobility disability" includes a wide range of disabilities, including circulatory and respiratory disabilities that make walking difficult or impossible.
- An "Other Power-Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD)" is defined as any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines - whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities - that are used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion. Included in the OPDMD category are: golf carts, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (e.g. Segway® PT) and any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

Use of Wheelchairs and OPDMDs:

City of West Lafayette will make reasonable modifications to permit individuals with mobility disabilities to use OPDMDs as long as operation of the mobility device is in accordance with legitimate safety requirements, including operation at a safe speed limit and care in observation of pedestrians. City of West Lafayette prohibits the use of fuel driven engines inside our buildings, as fumes have been deemed a direct threat to others. City of West Lafayette is not responsible for the storage of these devices.



As needed and on an individual basis, the City will determine additional appropriate use of OPDMD's based upon assessment factors the DOJ regulations allow, the Department has considered the following factors:

1. The type, size, weight, dimensions and speed of the device;
2. The individual facility's volume of pedestrian traffic; which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year)
3. The facility's design and operational characteristics;
4. Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the OPDMD at the individual facility;
5. Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources.

Those persons with mobility disabilities may contact the **City of West Lafayette ADA Coordinator** about use of devices that are currently prohibited within City buildings/facilities. (e.g., motorized OPDMDs) but may provide you with better access in a safe manner.

Requests for Accommodations:

Visitors:

Visitors using wheelchairs and Other Power Driven Mobility Devices are welcome in all areas of the City that are open to the public. Specific questions related to the use of these devices can be directed to the ADA Coordinator.

Employees:

Employees requesting reasonable accommodations, including the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices should contact the ADA Coordinator.

The contact information for the City of West Lafayette ADA Coordinator is listed below:

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