



INTRODUCING ALL ACCESS WARREN

A CITY OF WARREN INITIATIVE

Dear Warren Business Owner:

ALL ACCESS WARREN is an important new initiative launched by the City of Warren and its Disability Commission to promote awareness about the benefits of accessibility for persons with disabilities.

The goal of ALL ACCESS WARREN is to collaborate with Warren-based businesses, non-profit organizations, and other establishments in Warren that share a common goal: ensuring that persons with disabilities have equal access when working, visiting, or frequenting businesses in our city.

Did you know that, according to the US Census Bureau, one in five adults has a disability? This is why the City of Warren and the Disability Commission want to recognize businesses for being accessible. There is also an added benefit: **ensuring accessibility for all translates into more business for you and our city.**

The major component of ALL ACCESS WARREN involves conducting accessibility surveys throughout the city. These surveys will be done by trained Warren high school students, Warren residents, persons with disabilities, and other volunteers.

The free surveys take just minutes to conduct and look at three primary factors including parking, entrance access, and ability to maneuver upon entering the establishment. The surveys are only assessing areas within businesses that would be open to patrons, not areas off limits to customers.

Surveys typically take less than 10 minutes. Upon completion of the survey, if found to be at least 75% accessible, each surveyed business will receive a decal which can be placed inside the business or in the window.

Additionally, we will list the business by category of business, **post a link to the business's** website on the Disability Commission's ALL ACCESS WARREN web page, and recognize the businesses in the city in the magazine that is mailed citywide quarterly.

That means **free advertising** for your business!

Again, this is a voluntary campaign meant to recognize businesses for being accessible. **NO ESTABLISHMENT SURVEYED WILL BE FINED, TICKETED, OR CITED IN ANY WAY BY THE CITY OF WARREN IF IT DOES NOT MEET THE VOLUNTARY ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT GOALS. THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR NOT AGREEING TO BE SURVEYED OR FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The City of Warren and the Disability Commission are eager to recognize accessible businesses, and we hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this important campaign. Getting involved is simple.

There are three ways to complete the survey:

- 1) **Self-Survey:** Download the assessment form (with instructions) that can be mailed back to us. Go to **warrendisabilitycommission.org** and download the survey instruction and the actual survey. Complete the survey and mail it to Warren Disability Commission. The mailing address is:

Commission on Disabilities
Warren City Hall
One City Square
Warren, MI 48093
- 2) **Online Assessment and Submission:** Complete and submit an online self-assessment available at **warrendisabilitycommission.org**. All self-assessments will require an actual confirmation visit at which time the business will receive a recognition letter and the All Access Warren window decal.
- 3) **Schedule an Assessment:** Business surveys can be requested and scheduled at your convenience! Just call 586.353.0575 and leave us a message requesting a survey visit. We will call you to complete the scheduling of your assessment.

For more information, visit **warrendisabilitycommission.com** or call **586.353.0575**. The City of Warren and the Disability Commission want to thank you for your support in making our community more inclusive for all. Let's work together to keep this city thriving!

Regards,

Mayor Jim Fouts