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PURPOSE:

Recreation and community living opportunities are critical to the health and quality of life for all residents. Persons with disabilities often require personal assistance in activities of daily living.

It is appropriate that the Marathon Parks and Recreation Commission develops – and the Town of Marathon supports – a policy that strives to offer disabled persons the same opportunity of participation as others in the community. Such a policy indicates an acknowledgement and respect for the realities of disability and will go a long way to enable persons with disabilities to live with dignity and quality of life as an acknowledged part of the mainstream community.

SCOPE:

This policy shall apply to all persons with cognitive, visual or physical disabilities that create a barrier to independent use of municipal facilities, programs and events. It is reasonable to assume that such people rely on assisted access, attendant care services and persons accompanying them to an event or function for their comfort, access and safety.

This policy shall apply to all Town of Marathon sponsored recreation facilities and programs and all events and activities that take place in municipal facilities, whether sponsored by the Town of Marathon or not. Non-municipal facilities and programs shall be encouraged to adapt a similar policy of access.

THIS POLICY SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUPERSEDED.

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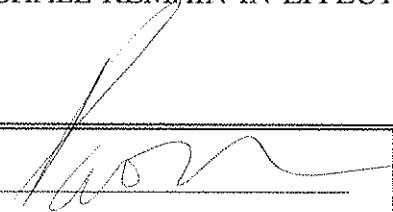
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Persons with cognitive, visual or physical disabilities that create a barrier to independent use of municipal facilities, programs and events shall submit an application annually to the Marathon Community Services Department. Approved applicants shall be issued a card permitting them and one support person access to any municipal recreation facility, program or event according to the policy of "one person – one fare".

The policy of "one person – one fare", shall be adhered to, ie: a person attending a municipal recreation facility, program or event and who is accompanied by a personal assistant, shall be only one fare or admission. The fare shall be based on the category of the disabled person, ie: adult, student, child or senior.

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