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IN REPLY REFER TO:
PCR-16-36

Gary Beckler, Public Works Foreman and
Building Inspector
City of Grant
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 614
Grant, Nebraska 99901

Dear Mr. Beckler:

As you are aware, the Department of the Interior received a disability rights complaint against the City of Grant's Pool and Bathhouse located in Grant, Nebraska. Specifically, the complainant alleges that the pool and bathhouse are not accessible for individuals with disabilities.

We are in receipt of the City of Grant's supporting documents and photographs dated July 7, 2016, regarding these issues. The city clarified its sincere commitment to the satisfaction and reasonable modification of all its citizens, to have a pleasurable experience while at the pool and bathhouse regardless of their disabilities. The City of Grant has addressed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations by installing a new pool chair lift. It also explained that the pool and bathhouse were constructed between 1960-1961, in which the city has done no major changes to these facilities aside from regular equipment repairs and cosmetic improvements. You also indicated that in July of 2011 and July 2015, T.C. Engineering of North Platte and Miller and Associates of Kearny, both of Nebraska presented the City of Grant's city council with a completed pool study indicating that the City is not required to upgrade their existing facilities as they are "grandfathered in" however, that the pool and bathhouse would need to be brought in compliance with the current ADA if they were to undergo "new construction and alterations."

The City demonstrated based on the information submitted that if the City decides to renovate both existing facilities or construct new ones, they will ensure that the pool and bathhouse will meet all ADA regulatory requirements by working with their engineers, contractors, and the State of Nebraska. Therefore, we believe that these actions and the documentation submitted, this complaint has been resolved and we consider the case closed.

By copy of this correspondence, we will notify the complainant of this decision. If the complainant does not agree with our determination, the complainant may file with the appropriate Federal District Court.

Sincerely,



for Sloan W. Farrell
Chief, Public Civil Rights Division

cc: Complainant
Mike Wyatt, Mayor