

BLACKSBURG TRANSIT EEO POLICY STATEMENT

Blacksburg Transit (BT) a department of the Town of Blacksburg (TOB) has a strong commitment to the community we serve and our employees. As an equal opportunity employer, we strive to have a workforce that reflects the community we serve. No person is unlawfully excluded from employment opportunities based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), age, genetic information, disability, veteran status, or other protected class.

BT's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy applies to all employment actions, including but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, selection for training, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

All applicants and employees have the right to file complaints alleging discrimination. Retaliation against an individual who files a charge or complaint of discrimination, participates in an employment discrimination proceeding (such as an investigation or lawsuit), or otherwise engages in protected activity is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

BT is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees who need them because of a disability or to practice or observe their religion, absent undue hardship.

As Town Manager, I maintain overall responsibility and accountability for BT's compliance with its EEO Policy and Program. To ensure day-to-day management, including program preparation, monitoring, and complaint investigation, I have appointed Teresa Harless, Human Resources Director as BT's EEO Officer. Teresa will report directly to me and acts with my authority with all levels of management and employees.

All BT executives, management, and supervisory personnel, however, share in the responsibility for implementing and monitoring BT's EEO Policy and Program within their respective areas and will be assigned specific tasks to ensure compliance is achieved. BT will evaluate its managers' and supervisors' performance on their successful implementation of BT's policies and procedures, in the same way BT assesses their performance regarding other agency's goals.

BT is committed to undertaking and developing a written nondiscrimination program that sets forth the policies, practices and procedures, with goals and timetables, to which the agency is committed and make the EEO Program available for inspection by any employee or applicant for employment upon request.

I am personally committed to a workplace that acts upon its daily responsibility to treat all applicants and employees with dignity and respect, as well as equitably under the guidelines of our EEO Policy and Program. Should you have concerns regarding employment actions that you feel may be discriminatory in nature or are in violation of the Town or BT's EEO policy please contact Teresa Harless, EEO Officer, at 540-443-1021 or tharless@blacksburg.gov.



Signature
Marc Verniel, Town Manager



Date