

Request for Reasonable Modification

The Fair Housing Act defines a person with a disability as (1) individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life functions; (2) individuals with a record of such an impairment; and (3) individuals who are regarded as having such an impairment.

If you or a member of your household has a disability, you can ask for a reasonable modification if that modification is necessary because of your disability to provide you with an equal housing opportunity. A reasonable modification is a modification involving a structural change to the premises in which you reside, including public and common use areas, which are necessary to provide an individual with disabilities with equal housing opportunities. Reasonable modification requests can be denied if they cause an undue administrative and financial burden or change the basic nature of the program. If necessary, you may be asked to provide a letter from a health care provider which states that you are a person with a disability and that you need the reasonable modification. This documentation does not have to identify your disability or its severity.

Reasonable modification requests can be made verbally or you can choose to use this form or a format of your choosing. If you need help with this form, please ask a Newton Housing Authority staff person. All reasonable modification requests are kept confidential within the Newton Housing Authority.

If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific modification in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact:

Harvey Epstein at the offices of the Newton Housing Authority, 82 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461 or by telephone at (617) 552-5501.

I or someone in my family needs a reasonable modification. I request:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Address

Phone Number

Address

Phone Number
