

CITY OF HAMMOND
Grievance Procedure under
The Americans with Disabilities Act

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Hammond. The City's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Executive Director of Human Relations
Hammond Human Relations—City Hall
5925 Calumet Avenue, First Floor
Hammond, IN 46320

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the Executive Director or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the Executive Director or [his/her] designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Hammond and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the Executive Director or his/her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Mayor's Chief of Staff or [his/her] designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Mayor's Chief of Staff or [his/her] designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Mayor's Chief of Staff or [his/her] designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by the Executive Director or his/her designee, appeals to the Mayor's Chief of staff or his/her designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Hammond for at least three years