

## **Grievance Procedure**

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 Springfield, Illinois. The City of Springfield'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:

**ADA Coordinador  
Juan Huerta, Director,  
Office of Community Relations  
1450 Groth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-2270 (Office)  
217-789-2268 (Fax)  
217-391-1559 (TTY)  
Juan.Huerta@springfield.il.us**

Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the complaint, ADA Coordinator or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. The designee will respond in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting a written response or 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 Springfield, Illinois and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the response to the Mayor or his designee.

Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Mayor or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after the meeting, the Mayor or his designee will respond in writing, or in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by ADA Coordinator or his/her designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Springfield for at least three years.