

## 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 Ellensburg**. The City of Ellensburg'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 thirty (30) calendar days after the alleged violation to:

City of Ellensburg
Human Resources Director
501 N. Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
509-962-7222
With a copy to the City Clerk at the same address.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the complaint, a City of Ellensburg designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting, the City of Ellensburg 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 City of Ellensburg and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the City of Ellensburg staff 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 City of Ellensburg's City Manager or his/her designee.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the City Manager or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after the meeting, the City Manager 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 Human Resources Director or his/her designee or appeals to the City Manager or his/her designee and responses from these two offices will be permanently stored by the City of Ellensburg.