

City of Watsonville 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 Watsonville. 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:

Mr. Rob Allen, the City Building Official, is designated as the ADA Coordinator he/she may be located at 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA. 95076

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the Building Official or *his/her* designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, **Rob Allen** 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 Watsonville, CA. and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by *the Building Official* 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 **City Manager** or *his/her* designee.

Within 15 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 15 calendar days after the meeting, the **City Manager** 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 Building Official* or *his/her* designee, appeals to the **City Manager** or *his/her* designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Watsonville, CA. for at least three years.