Reasonable Modifications are physical changes made to the structure of the dwelling unit and/or common areas. Some examples of reasonable modifications are:

- **Lowering cabinets**, light switches, and thermostats to a height usable by someone in a wheelchair.
- **Installing grab bars** in the bathroom when someone has limited mobility.
- **Widening doorways** for use by someone in a wheelchair.
- **Installing curb cuts** in front of an accessible parking space.

Reasonable modifications can be requested for facility common areas, i.e. the lobby, main entrance, or laundry room, as well as to individual units. If you make a request for a modification, you should expect to pay for the changes in most situations.

Granting Accommodations/Modifications

Under the FHA, landlords must allow accommodations or modifications if they help someone with a disability to use and enjoy their home and/or the common areas. You must obtain permission from your landlord before making any changes to your home or a common area, or if you want an exception to a rule or policy.
For More Information

If you have further questions, or would like more information in general, please contact the Disability Law Center (DLC).

The Fair Housing Program at the DLC provides services to all protected classes throughout Utah, not just those with disabilities. Our services are offered statewide and free of charge. **Materials are also available in alternative formats such as audio, large-print, Braille, and Spanish.**

Call (800) 662-9080 or visit our office to speak confidentially with a Short Term Assistance Advocate. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, familial status, religion, or disability. Utah law also prohibits discrimination based on source of income, sexual orientation, and gender identity in the rental, purchase, and sale of real property.

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DATE
NAME OF BUILDING MANAGER
ADDRESS

RE: Reasonable accommodation for my disability

Dear (BUILDING MANAGER NAME),

I live at (ADDRESS) in (UNIT NUMBER) and have lived there since (DATE). I am a qualified individual with a disability, as defined by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

Our building’s rules state (XXX). Due to my disability, I need the following accommodations: (LIST NEEDED ACCOMMODATION). A (MEDICAL PROVIDER, THERAPIST, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL) has prescribed this accommodation for my disability. I would like to meet with you to discuss these, and any other accommodations, that will enable me to have an equal opportunity to live in and enjoy this residence.

Please let me know what, if any, additional information you need from my health care provider in order to better understand my disability and the reasonable accommodation(s) I am requesting.

The Fair Housing Amendments Act 1988 provides that it is unlawful discrimination to deny a person with a disability a reasonable accommodation of an existing building rule or policy if such an accommodation may be necessary to afford such a person full enjoyment of the premises.

Please keep this request for accommodation confidential, as required by federal law. Please contact me within the next ten (10) days to schedule a mutually convenient time to discuss this important issue. I look forward to your response and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(YOUR SIGNATURE WITH YOUR NAME PRINTED BELOW IT)