

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Due to the requirements under HUD's Section 504 regulations, the Jackson County Housing Authority (JCHA), is required to adopt suitable means to assure that information regarding the availability of accessible housing programs reach individuals with disabilities. Public Housing Authorities are required to take reasonable non-discriminatory steps to maximize the utilization of accessible dwelling units and programs by individuals whose disability requires the accessibility features of the particular unit or program.

A person with a disability means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Physical or mental includes:

- (a) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: Neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respirator, including speech organs, cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitor-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine; or
- (b) Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. The term "physical or mental impairment" includes, but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, hearing disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, drug addiction and alcoholism.

"Major life activities" means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing and learning.

The definition of disability does not include any individual who is an alcoholic and a drug user whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents the individual from participating in the public housing program activities, or whose participation, by reason of such current alcohol or drug abuse, would constitute a direct threat to property or the safety of others.

A reasonable accommodation is a change, modification, alteration to adaptation in policy procedure, practice, program or facility that provides a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in, or benefit from a program (which includes housing or other activities).

The JCHA will consider requests for reasonable accommodation in accordance with its Reasonable Accommodation Policy (posted in the office) (copy provided upon request). An applicant/resident requesting a reasonable accommodation may submit their request in writing, orally or by any other effective form of communication. However, the JCHA will ensure that all reasonable accommodation requests are reduced to writing. If needed, as a reasonable accommodation, the JCHA will assist the individual in completing the request form.

Please answer the following questions: Name: _____

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Name _____

1. Do you or any member of your family have a disability that would require the need for an accessible unit? Yes____ No____
(If yes, request a JCHA Form for Verification of Need)

2. Do you or any member of your family have a disability that would require a reasonable accommodation? Yes____ No____
(If yes, request a JCHA Reasonable Accommodation request form)

3. Do you, or any member of your family have a disability that would make it impossible/difficult to use stairs? Yes____ No____
(If yes, request a JCHA Form for Verification of Need)

4. Is there any additional information regarding your disability, or your family member's disability, that you would like to provide to the JCHA (optional)
