

ADA AND SECTION 504

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the City of Chowchilla will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in admission or access to its services, programs, or activities including federally assisted services, programs, or activities.

Additionally, the City of Chowchilla does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The City of Chowchilla will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Chowchilla's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The City of Chowchilla will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in City of Chowchilla offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Chowchilla, may contact the City department that is sponsoring the event or the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. The request should be made as soon as possible, but no later than 96 hours before the scheduled event. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for a City Council Meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at 559-665-8615 ext. 102 as soon as possible, but no later than 96 hours before the start of the meeting.

The ADA does not require the City of Chowchilla to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the City of Chowchilla is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the City's ADA Coordinator:

ADA Coordinator

Jason Rogers, Director of Public Works
130 S. Second Street
Chowchilla, CA 93610
559-665-8615
JRogers@CityOfChowchilla.org

The City of Chowchilla will not charge an individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public, but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

How Do I File a Grievance?

Any individual who believes he or she has been discriminated against on the basis of disability, in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Chowchilla can file a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedures below or contact the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator.

ADA Meeting Accommodations

Arrangements for a sign language interpreter, documents in Braille and other auxiliary aids and services necessary for effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities need to be made as soon as possible, but no later than 96 hours before the scheduled event.

Please contact City Clerk's office at 559-665-8615 ext. 102 if an auxiliary aid is needed for a City Council Meeting. For all other public meetings, contact the City department sponsoring the meeting.