

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE FHA

1. Individual must have a disability, which is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
2. Individual must have disability-related need for assistance animal.

If disability is not apparent, housing provider can request further documentation such as:

- Letter from physician
- Letter from social worker
- Letter from psychologist

But cannot request medical records.

If request is adequately supported, housing provider can only deny accommodation request for limited grounds:

- Animal poses a risk of harm to others or property of others
- Undue financial burden

RESOURCES

- Fair Housing & ADA: Reasonable Accommodations with Service Animals: A White Paper Report
<https://realtorparty.realtor/state-local-issues/issues/issues/fair-housing-ada-reasonable-accommodations-with-service-animals>
- Video: Accommodations for Service Animals in Housing
<https://www.nar.realtor/videos/accommodations-for-service-animals-in-housing>
- Article: Accommodations for Service Animals in Housing
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