

Americans with Disabilities Act

ADA Coordinator

The Village of Matteson's Accessibility Coordinator is Dewayne Howard. This position coordinates the efforts of the village to comply with Title II of the ADA. In addition, the Accessibility Coordinator administers the village's ADA grievance procedure (see below).

The ADA Coordinator can be contacted at:

Phone: (708) 283-4910
E-mail: DHoward@villageofmatteson.org
Mail: Dewayne Howard
Human Resources Department
Village of Matteson
4900 Village Commons
Matteson, IL 60443

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Village of Matteson will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

- **Employment:** The Village of Matteson 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 Village of Matteson will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Village 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, vision, or other impairments that substantially limit the persons ability communicate.
- **Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The Village of Matteson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that qualified persons with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Village 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 Village, should contact the ADA Coordinator, Lori Jordan at 708-283-4910 or at LJordan@villageofmatteson.org as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Village of Matteson 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 Village is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the ADA Coordinator.

The Village of Matteson will not place a surcharge on a particular 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.

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 Village of Matteson. The Village'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 qualified 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:

Dewayne Howard, ADA Coordinator
4900 Village Commons
Matteson, IL 60443
DHoward@villageofmatteson.org

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA Coordinator or designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the ADA Coordinator or designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the Village of Matteson and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator or his 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 Village Administrator.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Village Administrator or designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Village Administrator or

designee 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 ADA Coordinator or his designee, appeals to the Village Administrator or his designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the Village for at least three years.