Mono County Code Chapter 19.10 – Reasonable Accommodations

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What are reasonable accommodations in land use and zoning?

Reasonable accommodations in the land use and zoning context means providing individuals with disabilities, or developers of housing for people with disabilities, flexibility in the application of land use and zoning regulations, policies, practices and procedures, or even waiving certain requirements, when it is necessary to eliminate barriers to housing opportunities.

Example: allowing a wheelchair-bound individual to construct a covered wheelchair ramp in setbacks

Purpose of Proposed Chapter 19.10

(1) Remove barriers to housing for disabled individuals

- Provide a process to streamline reasonable accommodations requests
- Ensure a process is in place to grant reasonable accommodations which may not be possible to grant under existing processes

(2) Satisfy HCD requirements

- A reasonable accommodations policy is required by HCD for Housing Element approval
- Current Mono County Housing Element Cycle will end 2027

Procedure

Application Submittal (CDD)	Application Acceptance (LDTAC)	Decision (CDD)	First Appeal (PC)	Second Appeal (BoS)
An application for reasonable accommodations can be submitted at any time. Applications and assistance will be available at CDD offices.	Like other discretionary projects, applications for reasonable accommodations will be officially accepted at LDTAC meetings following a review for completeness.	Applications for reasonable accommodations must be granted or denied in writing within 30 days of acceptance by LDTAC.	If a request for reasonable accommodations is denied by CDD, the applicant will have 30 calendar days to appeal the determination to the Planning Commission.	If a request for reasonable accommodations is denied by the Planning Commission, the applicant will have 30 calendar days to appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors.

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QUESTIONS?