

MID COLUMBIA MANOR, INC. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION NOTIFICATION

MCM complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended by the Community Development Act of 1974 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. MCM will further comply with any subsequently enacted legislation and implementing rules and regulations protecting the residents, applicants and/or staff.

Section 504 stipulates that “no otherwise qualified individual with handicaps in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance...”. The Fair Housing Amendments Act regulations state “It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a handicapped person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit, including public and private areas.”

The requirement to provide reasonable accommodation is intended to provide persons with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in housing programs through modification of policies, procedures, or structures. The policy is not intended to provide greater program benefits to persons with disabilities than to non-disabled persons. However, it may at times mean that persons with disabilities will be treated differently in order to ensure equal access to the programs and services.

MCM is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities so that the choice of living arrangements is, as a whole, available and comparable to other persons eligible for assistance under the same program. MCM will work with applicants and residents to make a reasonable accommodation, giving priority to those methods that offer programs and activities to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities in the most appropriate integrated setting. Reasonable accommodation does/will not cause undue burden(s) or cause fundamental alterations in the nature of the housing program.

If you feel you need a reasonable accommodation, please inquire at the office for a copy of the policy. If you need assistance/accommodation in reviewing the policy, staff will be happy to assist you at that time.