

The Village of Cooperstown's 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 Cooperstown. Employment related complaints of disability discrimination are covered elsewhere in policies available from the human resources officer of the Village of Cooperstown. This policy does not supersede a complainant's ability to exercise other rights under the ADA.

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. No particular format of the complaint is required. Alternate means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted in writing by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 180 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Jenna Utter, Village Clerk
22 Main Street, PO Box 346
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA Coordinator or his/her 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 his/her designee will respond in writing, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will include a compliance review by the Village of Cooperstown in regard to the complaint and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator or his/her 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 agency Mayor or his/her/their designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Mayor or his/her/their designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with the Village's final resolution of the complaint, or indicating that the matter has been returned to the ADA Coordinator for further action. If further response is indicated, the complainant will be contacted within 15 calendar days.

All written complaints by the ADA Coordinator or his/her/their designee, appeals to the Mayor or his/her/their designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the Village of Cooperstown for at least three (3) years.