

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS VERIFICATION FORM for ANIMAL

\_\_\_\_\_ provides reasonable accommodations to our residents with disabilities who have a verifiable need for the reasonable accommodation. A reasonable accommodation is an exception made to the usual rules or policies **made necessary because of a disability** for the resident to use and enjoy an apartment community. The resident has authorized you to provide the information requested on this form. Please answer the following questions:

**Name of Resident (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for Reasonable Accommodation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Resident:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This signature authorizes the verifier to provide answers to the questions below to the best of his/her knowledge of this resident.*

The Fair Housing Act defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that **substantially** limits one or more major life activities. The Supreme Court has determined that to meet this definition a person must have an **impairment that prevents or severely restricts the person from doing activities that are of central importance in most peoples' daily lives**. The disability must be permanent (of continual or long duration) to be protected by the Fair Housing Act.

1. Is this resident disabled?

YES

NO

I DON'T KNOW

2. Please describe in what manner this disability restricts the resident in activities that are of central importance to his or her daily life:

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3. The legal definition of a reasonable accommodation is an exception to the normal rules of an apartment community that is necessary for the resident to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy his/her apartment community. Note that applying this definition to a request for an animal requires a higher standard than merely stating that a resident would “benefit” from the presence of an animal in his/her apartment, since presumably most pet owners benefit from the presence of their pets.

4. Is it your opinion that the presence of an animal in this resident’s apartment is necessary because of his/her disability for this resident to use and enjoy this apartment community?

YES

NO

I DON'T KNOW

5. Please describe how this animal accommodation will enable the resident to use or enjoy this apartment community.

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6. If you answered yes to #4, is there a specific animal or type of animal that is necessary?

YES

NO

(Please explain answer)

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7. If this community permits its residents to have pets, but requires that they be of a small size and this resident is requesting a larger dog than already permitted, would the benefit to his/her disability be different with a larger animal?

YES      NO      (Please explain answer)

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8. If necessary will you be willing to testify in a court of law concerning the information provided in this form?

YES      NO

Name and position of verifier:

(Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Verifier: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_