



General Guidelines:

1. An owner of a property in unincorporated Linn County may install a temporary or permanent accessibility accommodation (e.g. handicap ramp, electrical lift or similar structure) to the exterior of the principal structure subject to the following requirements and stipulations:
 - A. Such accessibility accommodation will require a zoning verification and a building permit (with applicable fees) prior to commencement of construction.
 - B. Any property owner who wishes to install an accessibility accommodation shall make a good faith effort to install such accommodation that is fully compliant with the zoning regulations of Linn County. However, such ACCESSIBILITY accommodation may be permitted to encroach into any required yard setback, provided that it is not enclosed or covered.
 - C. No such accessibility accommodation shall be allowed to encroach into a defined public right-of-way.
 - D. A temporary accessibility accommodation shall be allowed for up to 180 days. Upon demonstration of reasonable need, the Linn County Building Official may extend this timeframe in 180 day increments to allow the accommodation to remain beyond the initial 180 days. Following this time period or any approved extension, the accommodation must be removed or replaced with a permanent accommodation. Special inspection shall be required prior to any extension, and shall be subject to current fees for a special inspection.
2. The owner of the property in unincorporated Linn County shall complete the necessary Reasonable Accommodation Form attached to these procedural guidelines.



Planning & Development
Linn County, Iowa

Zoning Division

Accessibility Reasonable Accommodation Application

Owner Information:		Applicant Information:	
Owner _____		Applicant _____	
Address _____		Address _____	
Email _____		Email _____	
Phone _____		Phone _____	
Property Information:			
Property Address Where accommodation will be installed.			
Describe Accommodation being requested:			
Give the reason the reasonable accommodation is necessary:			
By signing this form I acknowledge the requirements and terms of the administrative procedures for residential ACCESSIBILITY accommodations in unincorporated Linn County. I further acknowledge that the project will be constructed in accordance with approved plans.			
Owner _____		Applicant _____	
Date _____		Date _____	
Date Received	Approval Date	Staff Approval Signature	