

## *EasyLiving Home for Remodeler*

The purpose of the EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> certification program for remodelers is to promote the remodeling of homes with features that make a home more livable for all homeowners and their visitors.

### *What are the Features?*

*Remodelers in the EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> program are required to include at a minimum the following features for a home to be EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> certified:*

- ***Step-Free Entrance:*** At least one step-free entrance with a threshold of not more than 1/2 inch from a driveway, sidewalk, or other firm surface into the main floor of the home.
- ***Wider Doors:*** The exterior door that provides the step-free entrance and EVERY interior passage on the main level (including ALL bedrooms and bathrooms) must be a 3'0" or 2'10" door or some solution that provides 32" of clear passage space.
- ***Livable Main Floor:*** The main floor must include a kitchen, some entertainment area, a bedroom and a full bathroom.
- ***Maneuverable Bathroom:*** At least one full bathroom must have the designated maneuverable space of 30" x 48" rectangle adjacent to the sink, shower or tub, and commode.

### *Are There Additional Requirements?*

- The firm surface access to the step-free entrance must be integrated into the overall design of the home and must be aesthetically pleasing without appearing clinical or institutional. For instance, a surface or inclined walkway that appears to be a wheelchair ramp is not an acceptable option. A design drawing and description of an inclined entrance must be presented to the ELH program office for review and approval prior to installing access to the step-free entrance.
- The overall design of the renovation must not appear to be specific to an individual or disability. Any use of medically-related apparatus must be incorporated into the overall design in such a fashion that it is aesthetically pleasing and opens up the market to more buyers rather than limiting the marketability to a specific use.
- Proof of permit, if applicable, will be required. If not applicable, a notarized affidavit from the remodeler that permitting is not required will suffice.
- Any advertising, marketing, displaying of materials, or similar activities will promote an EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> as a home for everyone rather than a specialty home for people with disabilities or older adults. Any advertising, articles or marketing of a home as EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> certified requires prior approval of a member of the EasyLiving Home<sup>cm</sup> program staff.

### *Registration Fee – Pricing Structure*

- \$150 annual membership
- \$100 per house for certification, includes
  - Review of drawings relevant to the renovation
  - 1 site inspection plus 1 site re-inspection, if necessary
  - Certificate, seal of approval and homeowner letter