

Who pays for the change?

The tenant/owner of the residence is usually responsible for paying for the cost of the modification, whether the modification is in one's home, or in the public or common use area. The only time when a tenant/owner is not responsible would be in publically subsidized housing or if local law provides otherwise. However, keep in mind that the tenant only needs to pay the cost of the basic accommodation that he or she needs. If the housing provider would like a different and more expensive design, they are responsible for any additional costs incurred by the more expensive design. You cannot be charged additional insurance, security deposit or other charges for the structural change. In some circumstances where the modifications are significant, the housing provider can ask to hold some funds in an escrow account to ensure that the modifications are restored.