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NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Administration



Fair Housing

It's Your Right



City of Burlington

North Carolina



What is Prohibited?

Fair Housing- It's Your Right

The Fair Housing Act of 1968:

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Handicap (Disability)
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)

What Housing is Covered?

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. In some circumstances the Act exempts housing operated by organization and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

In For Sale and Rental Housing

- No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap,
- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting); or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing

In Mortgage Lending:

No one may take any of the following action based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familiar status or handicap (disability):

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rate, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property
- Refuse to purchase a loan, or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.

In Addition:

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right; or
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap (disability).
- This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single family and owner occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

Why Should I Report Fair Housing Issues?

- Many acts of discrimination can only be investigated if someone reports them.
- You have protection under the law against intimidation or harassment because exercise your right to report discrimination under the fair housing laws.
- Reporting discrimination is the first step to stopping it your community.