

POSSIBLE SIGNS OF DISCRIMINATION

"Sorry, that apartment has been rented already." *...but you know a vacancy exists*

"Sorry, you don't qualify for a housing loan." *...but you have good credit and the income needed*

"I have just the right house for you!" *...but you wanted a house in a better neighborhood*

"This is a smaller two bedroom house and there is no where for kids to play anyway, so we don't allow any children." *...discrimination against families is illegal*

"I'd prefer to rent to a man because a woman couldn't keep up with the property." *...This might be sex discrimination*

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, or have general inquiries pertaining to Fair Housing in the City of Lorain, please contact:

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Program Manager – Housing
440-204-2020
sarah_karpinski@cityoflorain.org.

MEETINGS

Quarterly Meetings
Third Thursday of the month

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Additional meeting dates are established by the Fair Housing Board as needed.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RENT ESCROW

City of Lorain-Clerk of Courts
440-204-2140

HOUSING & RENTAL ASSISTANCE

United Way of Greater Lorain County
Dial 211

LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES

Legal Aid Society/Elyria Office
440-210-4533

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Lorain County Health District
440-322-6367

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CITY OF LORAIN FAIR HOUSING



Artwork by Morgan Parker, 2016 Fair Housing Poster Contest Winner

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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT

OHIO FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Ohio Fair Housing Act Prohibits discrimination in housing related transactions based on any of the following protected classes:

- ◆ Race or Color
- ◆ National Origin
- ◆ Ancestry
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Sex
- ◆ Familial Status
- ◆ Disability
- ◆ Military Status

WHAT IS PROHIBITED

IN THE SALE & RENTAL OF HOUSING

- ◆ Refuse to rent or sell housing
- ◆ Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental
- ◆ Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- ◆ Persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)

IN MORTGAGE LENDING & INSURANCE

- ◆ Refuse to make a mortgage loan or provide homeowners insurance
- ◆ Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- ◆ Discriminate in appraising property

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
- ◆ Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on a protected class, such as "No Children" or "Christian Only" or "Prefer Single Female"

YOUR LANDLORD MAY NOT

- ◆ Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use area, at your expense, if necessary to use the housing for persons with disabilities

CITY OF LORAIN FAIR HOUSING

The City of Lorain's Fair Housing Board is tasked with promoting economic opportunities through the elimination of housing discrimination, by promoting diverse, inclusive neighborhoods throughout the city. The City of Lorain seeks to further its diversity and provide opportunities through the enforcement of Chapter 136 of the local codified ordinances pertaining to Fair Housing.

The City of Lorain extends the Fair Housing Law to protect additional classes than those protected at the Federal and state level.

- ◆ Race
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Color
- ◆ Sex
- ◆ Sexual Orientation
- ◆ National Origin
- ◆ Age
- ◆ Disability
- ◆ Ethnic Group
- ◆ Vietnam-era or Disabled Veteran
- ◆ Familial Status
- ◆ Marital Status
- ◆ Ancestry
- ◆ Gender Identity
- ◆ Source of Income

REGULATIONS

Housing providers who are recipients of U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, have loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), as well as lenders may be subjected to HUD and City of Lorain regulations to insure equal access to all.

REPORT DISCRIMINATION

IF YOU SUSPECT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

- ◆ Make immediate detailed notes of your experience including the date, time, name of agent or landlord and what you saw or were told
- ◆ Collect and keep copies of advertising, letters, or other relevant written correspondence
- ◆ Contact the Ohio Civil Rights Commission Cleveland Regional Office within one year of alleged violation or contact the City of Lorain to file a complaint.

FILE A COMPLAINT

To file a Fair Housing Complaint in the City of Lorain, complete the Fair Housing Complaint form found at www.cityoflorain.org/546/Fair-Housing-Board **Fair Housing Complaint form** link

email the completed form to the Program Manager of Housing: Sarah_Karpinski@cityoflorain.org.

Alternatively, you may drop off or mail the completed form to:
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