

Have you heard any of these statements when looking for housing?

Gender:

“The apartment is only available to women.”

Race:

“I think you would be happier in another section of the City.”

Disability

“You can’t live here. There’s no one to take of you.”

Religion:

“Apartment available to good Catholic family.”

Familial Status:

“This building is for adults only.”

Age:

“We don’t rent to senior citizens because of all of the other housing available to them.”

Sexual Preference:

“Sorry, I can only rent the apartment to one of you because you girls don’t need to share a bedroom.”



Humans Relations Commission
City of Oberlin
85 South Main Street
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Fair Housing in Oberlin



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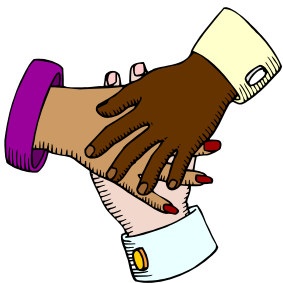
Background on the Law



In 1961 the City of Oberlin passed the first Fair Housing law in the State of Ohio and third in the nation (behind Pittsburgh ,P.A. and New York, N.Y.)

The City's fair housing practices (chapter 1185) of the Oberlin Codified ordinances prohibits discrimination based on race, color, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, ancestry, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

The purpose of the law is to eliminate housing discrimination in Oberlin and to further equal housing opportunities for everyone. Under the law, selective differences in treatment to any person in the sale, transfer, lease, rental, or financing of a dwelling is discriminatory.



Examples of Discrimination

1. Refusal to sell, show, or rent available housing.
2. Discriminatory housing advertisements.
3. Refusal of loans or the offer of loans with different or unfavorable terms.
4. Harassment or intimidation.
5. Threats or retaliation against a person who has suffered, witnessed or reported any discriminatory act or practice.

What to do if you believe you are a victim of housing discrimination....

- You may seek assistance through the Code Administrator's office at Oberlin City Hall.
- You may file a complaint in writing with the City Human Relations Commission.
- You may inquire as to remedies available through the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and/ or the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- You may file a civil action in the Court of Common Pleas with 180 days from the date of alleged violation.

Your complaint may be filed with any and/or all of these agencies.

For more information

For more fair housing call (440) 775-1531, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm or write:

**Code Administrator
Oberlin Human Relations Commission
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Contact the office above for information on Oberlin's Fair Housing Laws. Also, contact us if you are seeking information regarding Predatory Lending and/or information regarding the new Predatory Lending laws which go into effect January 2007.



Help us encourage open, integrated housing patterns in Oberlin.

Together we can make Oberlin even better.