

Agenda and Training Materials

Fair Housing Training for the General Public and Elected Officials

I. Purpose of This Meeting

Educate local elected officials and general public concerning fair housing requirements

II. Laws That Protect Fair Housing

- Local Ordinance
- State Law (Statute 760.23(1), Florida Statutes)
- Federal Law (Civil Rights Act of 1968, amended 1988)

III. Recognizing Discrimination

Under the Fair Housing Act, It is Against the Law to:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes in certain neighborhoods only
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny you property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to make certain modifications or accommodations for persons with a mental or physical disability, including persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with their fair housing rights

Based on these factors...

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Gender
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child), or
- Disability (if you or someone close to you has a disability)

IV. Several ways to make a complaint

- 1) Fill out an online form at <http://www.hud.gov/hdiscrim.html>;
- 2) You can call toll-free 1-800-669-9777;
- 3) Complete the attached form and mail to:

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Room 5204 451 Seventh St. SW
Washington, DC 20410-2000

- 4) You may contact the City of Perry at:
850-584-7161.

- 4) You can write HUD a letter with:
 - Your name and address
 - The name and address of the person your complaint is about
 - The address of the house or apartment you were trying to rent or buy
 - The date when this incident occurred
 - A short description of what happened
 - Then mail it to the Fair Housing Hub closest to you (listed in handout)