

For Information or Assistance
Please Write or Call

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Once the Community Development Office has received a written complaint, a notice will be sent to the complainant within ten (10) working days. The notice will acknowledge that the complaint has been received and has been forwarded to the North Carolina Human Relations Council's fair housing staff.

**FAIR
HOUSING**

Chatham County
North Carolina

Fair Housing Notice

Housing Discrimination Laws cover the following:

- All real estate sold or rented (houses, apartments, lots, etc.)
- Auctioned real estate
- Boarding and rooming houses occupied by the owner

Fair Housing Rights Apply Regardless of:

- Race
- Creed
- Color
- National Origin or Ancestry
- Religion
- Sex
- Handicap
- Age
- Children in the Family

Equal Housing Opportunities are Provided by Local, State, and Federal Laws.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, provides for fair housing throughout the United States. All executive departments and agencies are required to administer activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner to affirmatively further FAIR HOUSING. In addition, all agencies are required to administer activities and be in compliance with the "State Fair Housing Act" found under Chapter 41A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Discrimination/Fair Housing Facts

Advertising Discrimination:

It is illegal of commercials or ads to show preference for renters or buyers based on: Race, Creed, Color, National Origin or Ancestry, Religion, Sex, Sexual Harassment, Handicap or Disability, Age, or Families with Children.

Blockbusting:

Pressuring individuals to sell their homes because someone of another race has moved or is moving into the neighborhood is illegal.

False Denials of Availability:

It is illegal for real estate professionals to tell you that property you are interested in is unavailable when it is.

Financing Discrimination:

Lending institutions are not permitted to deny loans on the basis of Race, Creed, Color, National Origin or Ancestry, Religion, Sex, Handicap or Disability, Age or Families with Children.

Racial Steering:

It is illegal for a real estate professional to discourage someone from being interested in or seeing properties because of the racial makeup of the neighborhood.

Redlining:

Lending institutions cannot discriminatively change the terms of a loan to deny individuals access to specified neighborhoods.

Rental Discrimination:

It is illegal for the terms of rental agreements to be changed to deny someone access to rental properties.

It is illegal for landlords to ask questions about disabilities, medical condition, or history except in relation to current use of illegal drugs.

If is illegal to allow tenants with disabilities to make reasonable modifications at the tenant's expense to existing premises, and prohibited is refusal to make accommodations in rules, practices, policies, or services to permit a handicapped person to equitably use and enjoy a dwelling.

If You Feel That You Have Been Discriminated Against, Take the Following Steps:

1. Keep records of all information that might be useful in the event of an investigation (names, phone numbers, dates, etc.).
2. Be specific in describing the incident. When possible get the names and addresses of witnesses.
3. File your written complaint with Jason Sullivan, Fair Housing Officer - Chatham County, PO Box 54, Pittsboro, NC 27312; PH: 919/542-8233; TDD: 800/735-2962

A complaint must be filed within 12 months from the time of the alleged discrimination. Once the fair housing officer has received a written complaint, a notice will be sent to the complainant within ten (10) working days. The notice will acknowledge that the complaint has been received and has been forwarded to the North Carolina Relations Council's Fair Housing staff.