

CHAPTER 15 UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

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3-15-1 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the general welfare of the citizens of the City by declaring discriminatory practices in housing to be against public policy and to provide for proper procedures for the enforcement of this Chapter.

3-15-2 DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES DEFINED. It shall be an unfair or discriminatory practice for any owner, or person acting for any owner, of rights to housing or real property, with or without compensation, including but not limited to, persons licensed as real estate brokers or salesmen, attorneys, auctioneers, agents or representatives by power of attorney or appointment, or any person acting under court order, deed of trust, or will:

1. To refuse to sell, rent, lease, assign or sublease any real property or housing accommodation or part, portion or interest therein, to any person because of the race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, national origin or disability of such person.
2. To discriminate against any person because of his race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, national origin or disability, in the terms, conditions or privileges of the sale, rental lease assignment, or sublease of any real property or housing accommodation or any part, portion or interest therein.
3. To directly or indirectly advertise, or in any other manner indicate or publicize that the purchase, rental, lease, assignment or sublease of any real property or housing accommodation, or any part, portion or interest therein by persons of any particular race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, national origin or disability is unwelcome, objectionable, not acceptable or not solicited.

3-15-3 EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of Section 3-14-2 hereof shall not apply to:

1. Any bona fide religious institution with respect to any qualifications it may impose based on religion when such qualifications are related to a bona fide religious purpose.
2. The rental or leasing of a housing accommodation in a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than two (2) families living independently of each other, if the owner or members of his/her family reside in one of such housing accommodations.
3. The rental or leasing of less than six (6) rooms within a single housing accommodation by the occupant or owner of such housing accommodation if he/she or members of his/her family reside therein.
4. Restrictions based on sex on the rental or leasing of housing accommodations by a nonprofit corporation.

5. The rental or leasing of a housing accommodation within which residents of both sexes must share a common bathroom facility on the same floor of the building.

3-15-4 COMPLAINTS. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory or unfair housing practice within the City may make, sign, and file a verified written complaint with the City Equal Opportunity Officer. The City Manager shall serve as Equal Opportunity Officer, unless another person is so designated by the Mayor.

The Equal Opportunity Officer shall investigate all complaints and conduct hearings in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 601A, Iowa Code, 1977, as amended.

The Equal Opportunity Officer may obtain an order of court for enforcement of his/her orders in a proceeding, as provided in Chapter 601A, Iowa Code 1977, as amended, (Ord. 523, 12-18-1978)

TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION

