



NOTICE of FAIR HOUSING OFFICER
and COMPLAINT PROCESS for
COUNTY OF LAWRENCE
2024 CDBG PROGRAM

This notice will serve to advise all residents of County of Lawrence that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA) adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals are considered discriminatory:

In the Sale and Rental of Housing:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing to, deal or negotiate with any person for housing
- Otherwise make housing unavailable
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide a person different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- Make, print or publish any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination
- Impose different sales prices or rental charges for the sale or rental of a dwelling
- Use different qualification criteria or applications, or sale or rental standards or procedures, such as income standards, application requirements, application fees, credit analyses, sale or rental approval procedures or other requirements
- Evict a tenant or a tenant's guest
- Harass a person
- Fail or delay performance of maintenance or repairs
- Limit privileges, services or facilities of a dwelling
- Discourage the purchase or rental of a dwelling
- Assign a person to a particular building or neighborhood or section of a building or neighborhood
- For profit, persuade, or try to persuade, homeowners to sell their homes by suggesting that people of a particular protected characteristic are about to move into the neighborhood (blockbusting)
- Refuse to provide or discriminate in the terms or conditions of homeowners insurance because of the race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin of the owner and/or occupants of a dwelling
- Deny access to or membership in any multiple listing service or real estate brokers' organization

In Mortgage Lending:

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan or provide other financial assistance for a dwelling
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising a dwelling

Condition the availability of a loan on a person's response to harassment

- Refuse to purchase a loan

Harassment:

- The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to harass persons because of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin. Among other things, this forbids sexual harassment

Other Prohibitions:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise the right
- Retaliate against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation

Advertising:

- The Fair Housing Act prohibits the making, printing and publishing of advertisements that indicate a preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, national origin and the PHRA adds age, ancestry or advertising with no animals

If you're a person with a disability and require reasonable accommodation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

If you have Limited English Proficiency and require a document translation, please contact the below Fair Housing Officer.

All residents are hereby notified, that Amy B. McKinney is designated as Fair Housing Officer for the County of Lawrence and that any resident that believes they have been discriminated against under any of the above conditions may file a complaint with the Fair Housing Officer at the following address:

Amy B. McKinney
430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101
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Lawrence County Commissioners
Dan Vogler, Chairman
Dan Kennedy
Chris Sainato

Legal Ad: Publish August 1, 2024. Post a municipal building and website