



The City of Lansing embraces the **Fair Housing Act of 1968**, and is committed to the policy of affirmatively furthering fair housing within its jurisdiction.

## Who is Protected?

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status (families with children)
- Disability

## What Actions are Prohibited?

The following actions are prohibited if they affect one or more of the protected classes listed above:

- Refusal to rent or sell or negotiate for housing
- Making housing unavailable
- Denial of a dwelling
- Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Providing different housing services or facilities
- Falsely denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- Denial of access to or membership in a facility or refusal of service related to the sale or rental of housing
- Steering prospective tenants to a certain neighborhood, development or unit
- Refusal to make a mortgage loan or provide information regarding loans
- Imposing different terms or conditions on a loan
- Discrimination in appraising property
- Refusal to purchase a loan
- Setting different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

Housing discrimination is usually disguised. For more information on clues to discrimination follow this link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CR\\_250\\_fair\\_housing\\_76949\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CR_250_fair_housing_76949_7.pdf)

To understand more about how the fair housing law works:

<http://www.civilrights.org/fairhousing/laws/>

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/housing/faq.php>

To understand more about the Michigan Fair Housing Act of 1968:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mhc\\_mhm\\_fairhousing\\_ch1\\_46843\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mhc_mhm_fairhousing_ch1_46843_7.pdf)

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mhc\\_mhm\\_fairhousing\\_ch2\\_46844\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mhc_mhm_fairhousing_ch2_46844_7.pdf)

To understand more about discrimination and Michigan's Elliott Larsen Civil Rights act follow this link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/act\\_453\\_elliott\\_larsen\\_8772\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/act_453_elliott_larsen_8772_7.pdf)

## **Where to File a Fair Housing Complaint**

**City of Lansing,  
Human Relations and Community Services Department**  
4th Floor - City Hall  
124 W. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI. 48933  
517-483-4477 - voice; 517-483-4479 - TDD

### **U.S. Department of Justice**

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/file.htm>

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - HUD**

<http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm>

The **HUD Fair Housing Hub** serving Michigan is:

**Chicago Regional Office of FHEO**  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building  
77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2101  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507  
(312) 353-7776 ext. 2453  
1-800-765-9372  
TTY (312) 353-7143

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/>

You may also contact the Fair Housing Center (a private nonprofit agency) for assistance:

**Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit**  
1249 Washington Blvd  
Suite 1312  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(313) 963-1274  
(313) 963-4817 fax

**Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan**

P.O. Box 7825

Ann Arbor, MI 48107

(877) 979-FAIR

[www.fhcsoutheast.org](http://www.fhcsoutheast.org)

**More information on the legal framework of Fair Housing and antidiscrimination laws**

For federal laws follow this link:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/>

For Michigan laws follow this links:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda\\_fair\\_housing\\_147901\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda_fair_housing_147901_7.doc)

For the City of Lansing's Fair Housing ordinance follow this link and type "fair housing" in the search box:

<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?sid=22&pid=13231>

**Additional Resources for Housing Concerns:**

**MSU Law Clinic/ Rental Housing**

541 E. Grand River Avenue

East Lansing, MI 48823

517-336-8088

**Capital Area Center for Independent Living**

1048 Pierpont, Suite 9-10

Lansing, MI 48911

517-241-0408

**Legal Services of South Central Michigan**

3490 Belle Chase Way, Suite 50

Lansing, MI 48911

517-394-3121

**60+ Elder Law Clinic**

300 S. Capitol Avenue

Lansing, MI 48933

517-334-5760

**Fair Housing Center of West Michigan**

20 Hall Street SE

Grand Rapids, MI. 49507

1-866-389-FAIR

[www.fhcwm.org](http://www.fhcwm.org)

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda/mshda\\_PB22\\_Fair\\_Housing\\_Requirements\\_D\\_240117\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda/mshda_PB22_Fair_Housing_Requirements_D_240117_7.pdf)

