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

To understand more about how the fair housing law works:

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

http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws

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_ch2_46844_7.pdf

To understand more about how Michigan law protects housing rights for people with disabilities follow this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/act-220-of-1976_8771_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

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

Follow these links for information on how to file a housing discrimination complaint with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or to file a discrimination complaint with the Department of Justice:

U.S. Department of Justice

http://www.justice.gov/crt/complaint/

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
220 Bagley
Suite 1020
Detroit, MI 48226-1426
(313) 963-1274
(313) 963-4817 fax

http://www.fhcmetrodetroit.org/

Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan
P.O. Box 7825
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
(877) 979-FAIR

http://fhcmichigan.org

Fair Housing Center of West Michigan
20 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI. 49507
1-866-389-FAIR
www.fhcwm.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

For the City of Lansing's Fair Housing ordinance see Chapter 296 of the City of Lansing Code of Ordinances. For online access, 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
(Limited services may be available when school is not in session.)

Capital Area Center for Independent Living
2812 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48906
517-999-2760
TDD/TYY Relay: 1-800-649-3777
http://www.cacil.org/

Legal Services of South Central Michigan
3490 Belle Chase Way, Suite 50
Lansing, MI 48911
517-394-3121
www.lsscm.org

60+ Elder Law Clinic
300 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
517-334-5760
www.cooley.edu/60plus

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