

Fair Housing It's Your Right

Erie County's Fair Housing Mission Statement

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, fair housing opportunities within the United States. Erie County urges that all citizens of the Firelands area become aware of and support the Fair Housing Act.





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WHAT ABOUT GREAT HOUSING?





April is Fair Housing Month

- Ohio's Fair Housing Law was enacted in 1965 and amended in 1992 to include changes in the classes of people protected and enhanced enforcement powers to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.
- Both the federal and state fair housing laws give all persons in the protected classes the right to live wherever they can afford to buy a home or rent an apartment and helps to ensure that fair housing is a way of life in Ohio



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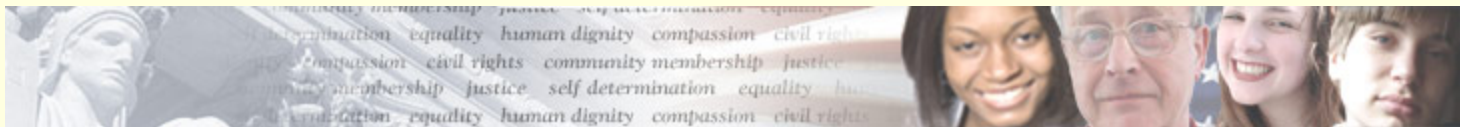
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Fair Housing Act

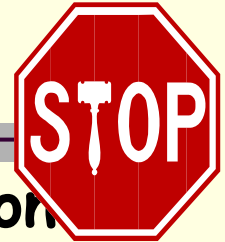


Officially known as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, it is now referred to as the Fair Housing Act





Discrimination Prohibited



The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status
- Disability



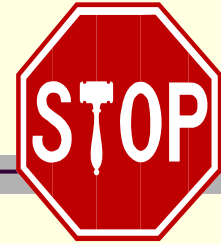
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What Is Prohibited?



In the Sale and Rental of Housing

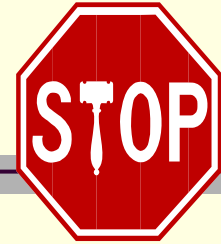
No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to negotiate, rent or sell housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting) or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.





What Is Prohibited?



In Mortgage Lending

No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- 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 property
- Refuse to purchase a loan or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.



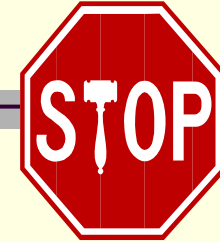
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In Addition

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. Discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

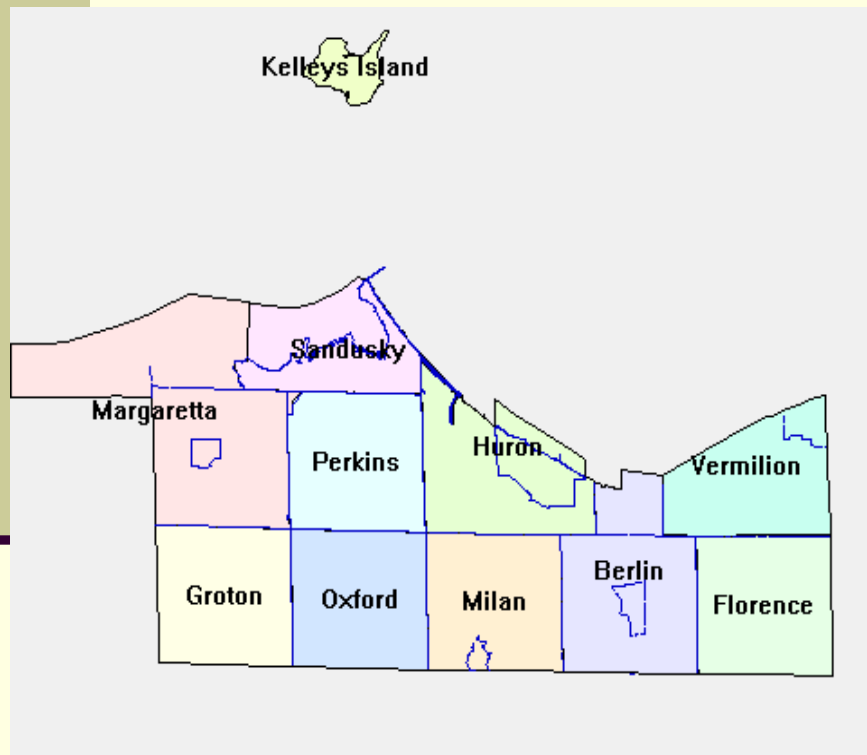
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County - Wide Fair Housing



- Cities –Vermilion, Huron
- Villages – Berlin Heights, Milan, Castalia, Bay View, Kelleys Island
- Townships – Perkins, Margaretta, Vermilion, Berlin, Milan, Oxford, Groton, Florence, Huron
- Sandusky Fair Housing Office

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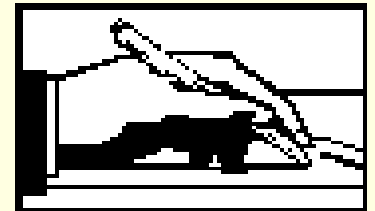
If You Think Your Rights Have Been Violated

Erie County is ready to help with any problem related to housing discrimination. If you think your rights have been violated, you may fill out a **Housing Discrimination Complaint Form**, write Erie County a letter, or telephone the **Erie County Fair Housing Hotline**. You have **one year** after an alleged violation to file a complaint, but you should file it as soon as possible.

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What to Tell Us:



- Your name and address
- The name and address of the person your complaint is against (the respondent)
- The address or other identification of the housing involved
- A short description of the alleged violation (the event that caused you to believe your rights were violated)
- The date(s) of the alleged violation



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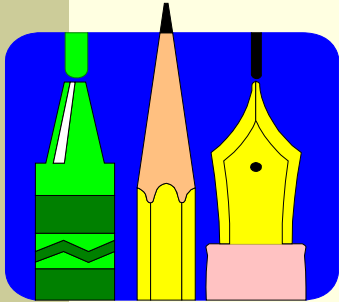


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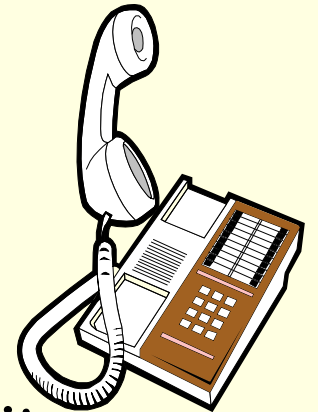


Where to Write or Call:

Send the Housing Discrimination Complaint Form
or a letter to:



Erie County Fair Housing Office
2900 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
Fair Housing Hotline (419) 627-7792



or to the HUD office nearest you or to:

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U. S. Department of HUD
Room 5204
Washington, D.C.



HUD's national toll-free hotline (1-800-669-9777)





If You Are Disabled:



Erie County provides:

- A toll-free TTY phone for the hearing impaired:
1-800-750-0750.
- Assistance in reading and completing complaint forms
- Interpreters
- Tapes and Braille materials



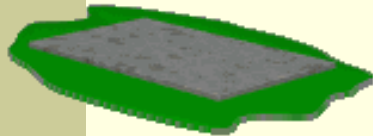
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Other Sources:



**City of Sandusky
Community Development Office
Fair Housing Department
222 Meigs Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
(419) 627-5703
(800) 750-0750 TTY**

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Other Sources:



**The Ohio Civil Rights Commission
1111 E. Broad Street, Suite 301
Columbus, Ohio 43205
(888) 278-7101
(614) 466-9353**

**Toledo Regional Office
(419) 245-2900 (Voice/TTY)**

**Cleveland Regional Office
(216) 787-3150
(216) 787-3549 (TTY)**

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Other Sources:



Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc

Sandusky Office:

125 W. Water Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

1-800-224-7914

Fax/TDD 419-609-9173

Legal Aid Line: 1-88-534-1432

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1.800.669.9777 (VOICE) 1.800.927.9275 (TTY)