

State and Local Resources

Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas, Inc. (817) 877-4554

Texas Tenants' Union (214) 823-2733

Tarrant County Eviction Court: Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 (817) 548-3925

North Texas Fair Housing Center (469) 941-0375 (877) 471-1022 http://www.northtexasfairhousing.org

You may also contact HUD directly: Fort Worth Regional Office HUD Fair Housing Enforcement Center (817) 978-5900 Texas Tenant Advisor www.texastenant.org/

Texas Commission on Human Rights (888) 452-4778

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas (817) 336-3943 www.lanwt.org/

Texas Workforce Commission (512) 371-7473
HousingComplaint@twc.state.tx.us

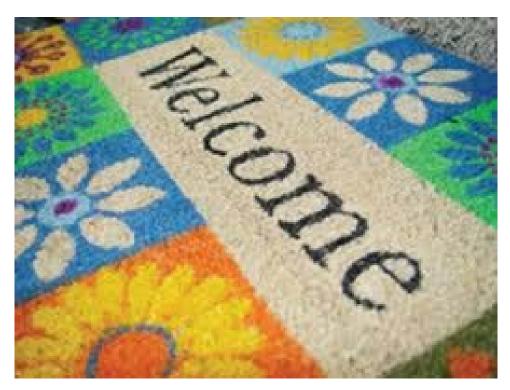
Fort Worth Human Relations Commission (817) 392-7525







Fair Housing Information & Resources



City Of Arlington

City of Arlington Fair Housing Code

"It is the policy of the City of Arlington to promote, through fair, orderly and lawful procedures, the opportunity for each person to obtain housing without regard to his/her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status. This policy is grounded upon a recognition of the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his/her own choice without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status. Further, this policy is based upon a recognition that the denial of such rights through considerations based upon race, color, religion, national, origin, sex, disability, or familial status is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Arlington and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of an inalienable right which is within the power and proper responsibility of government to prevent."

(City of Arlington Ordinance No. 06-082)

To File A Complaint

Discrimination is not always obvious, and sometimes what seems to be discrimination may or may not meet the definition according to federal law. A determination of discrimination cannot be made until all the facts are carefully considered.

- Who do you believe discriminated against you?
- What happened to you?
- · Where did the alleged act of discrimination occur?
- Why do you believe you are being discriminated against?
- When did the last act of discrimination occur?
- How were you discriminated against?

If you believe your rights have been violated you may write or call the City of Arlington Fair Housing Officer. The Fair Housing Officer serves as the referral service for fair housing complaints in the City. You will be referred to the appropriate agency based on the nature of your complaint.

Fair Housing Officer:
Richard Pine
817-459-6238
richard.pine@arlingtontx.gov
www.arlingtontx.gov/fairhousing

Examples of Housing Discrimination





Under the Fair Housing Act, the following actions are illegal if they are based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability:

- Denying or refusing to rent or sell housing
- Denying provision of property insurance
- Providing different housing services or facilities
- Advertising housing preferences
- Providing false information about availability of housing
- Showing apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods
- Imposing different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of residence
- Refusing to provide information regarding mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Conducting property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Harassing, coercing, or intimidating people from enjoying or exercising their rights under the Fair Housing Act

Tenant Rights Vs. Fair Housing

Fair Housing complaints should not be confused with basic tenant rights issues. Disputes over leases, repairs, evictions, security deposits, removal of property, and other similar issues, fall under the heading of tenant rights. These types of disputes do not rise to the level of a fair housing issue unless the action is based on discrimination of one of the protected categories under the Fair Housing Act.

For more information on tenant rights:

Tenant Rights Handbook - copy available by calling: (800) 204-2222
Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline: (800) 621-0508
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas - (817) 336-3943, www.lanwt.org/