



MARTIN COUNTY PROMOTES FAIR HOUSING



Martin County through its Community Development Program, has assured the North Carolina Department of Commerce that the County will take action in the form of educational programs to further fair housing opportunities for its residents.

In Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, (the Fair Housing Law), Congress declared a national policy of providing fair housing throughout the United States. This law makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, family status or disability illegal in connection with the sale or rental of most housing and any vacant land offered for residential construction or use.

Prohibitions contained in the Fair Housing Law apply to the following types of housing:

- SINGLE FAMILY housing owned by private individuals when:
 - a) A broker or other person in the business of selling or renting dwellings is used and/or;
 - b) Discriminatory advertising is used.
- SINGLE FAMILY houses not owned by private individuals.
- SINGLE FAMILY houses owned by a private individual who owns more than three such houses or who, in any two-year period, sells more than one in which the individual was not the most recent resident.
- MULTIFAMILY dwellings of five or more units.
- MULTIFAMILY dwellings containing four or fewer units, if the owner does not reside in one of the units.

Housing discrimination is prohibited by the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and by the North Carolina State Fair Housing Act. In an effort to promote fair housing and to ensure that the rights of housing discrimination victims are protected, the County has adopted the following procedures for receiving and resolving fair housing discrimination complaints:

Any person or persons wishing to file a complaint of housing discrimination in the County may do so by informing David Bone, County Manager at PO Drawer 668, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892, phone 252-789-4300, TDD 1-800-735-2962, of the facts and circumstances of the alleged discriminatory act or practice;

Upon receiving a housing discrimination complaint, the County shall inform the North Carolina Human Relations Commission (Commission) and the complainant about the complaint within ten (10) calendar days of receipt for conciliation and resolution. The County shall then assist the Commission and the complainant in filing an official written housing discrimination complaint with the Commission, pursuant to the State Fair Housing Act and Title VIII;

The County shall offer its assistance to the Commission in the investigation and conciliation of all housing discrimination complaints, which are based upon events occurring in County of Martin, North Carolina. Assistance for persons with hearing impairments can be obtained by calling TDD# 1-800-735-2962.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Esta información está disponible en español o cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Administrador del Condado en 252-789-4300 para esta aplicación.

