



*About the  
City of Florence  
Department of Community Services*



*The Department of Community Services primarily assists City of Florence residents in community areas targeted as needing special assistance and attention. These areas include North, East, and West Florence. Within these areas, programs are administered with local and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.*

*The Department also administers services within the community, which include a First-time Homebuyers Program, Emergency Rehabilitation Assistance and neighborhood improvement support. As a department, our focus is on enhancing the quality of life of the low to moderate-income community so*



*that all City of Florence residents have vibrant, thriving places to live.*

For more information regarding the Fair Housing Act, you may contact:



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***Fair Housing—  
Know Your Rights***

*Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on:*

- *Race*
- *Color*
- *National origin*
- *Religion*
- *Sex*
- *Familial status*
- *Handicap*





## The Fair Housing Act Prohibits the Following:

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 rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- 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.

In Mortgage Lending: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap (disability):

- 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.

If you or someone associated with you:

- Have a disability (including hearing, mobility and visual impairments, chronic alcoholism, chronic mental illness, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex and mental retardation)
- Have record of such a disability or
- Are regarded as having such a disability

your landlord may not:

Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing;

Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing.