

FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE

AT FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE,
WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES
TO LIVE IN THE SAFE, AFFORDABLE
HOUSING OF THEIR CHOICE.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO
DISCRIMINATE IN HOUSING
ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
ORIENTATION OR GENDER
IDENTITY. A REVISION TO
AKRON MUNICIPAL CODE
§139.12 ADDED THESE
PROTECTIONS IN 2009.



Additionally, the U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
enacted the “HUD LGBT Rule” in 2012
ensuring equal access to all HUD-funded
housing programs.



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Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc.
...on the path to equality

LGBT HOUSING RIGHTS

TO HELP ENSURE THAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED...

THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF:

Race or Color	Sex
National Origin	Disability
Religion	Familial Status

Additional state and local protected classes may apply

**Fair Housing
Contact Service (FHCS)**
strives to prevent
and eliminate housing
discrimination and to
promote equal
housing opportunity.

LGBT HOUSING RIGHTS IN THE CITY OF AKRON:

Section A.1 of §139.12 of the City of Akron code states: No person can injure, intimidate or interfere with, “Any person because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, handicap, or ancestry and because that person is or has been selling, purchasing, renting, financing, occupying, contracting, or negotiating for the sale, purchase, rental, financing, or occupation of any dwelling, or applying for or participating in any service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting housing accommodations.”

HUD’s “Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs—Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity” rule found in 24 CFR Parts 5, 200, 203, et al. provides:

Requires owners and operators of HUD-assisted housing, or housing whose financing is insured by HUD, to make housing available without regard to the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

Prohibits lenders from using sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status as a basis to determine a borrower’s eligibility for FHA-insured mortgage financing.

Prohibits owners and operators of HUD-assisted housing or housing insured by HUD from asking about an applicant or occupant’s sexual orientation, gender identity, and marital status for the purpose of determining eligibility or otherwise making housing available.

Clarifies that all otherwise eligible families, regardless of marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity, will have the opportunity to participate in HUD programs.

CONTACT US TO
REPORT HOUSING
DISCRIMINATION OR
TO INQUIRE ABOUT
YOUR RIGHTS OR
RESPONSIBILITIES.

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION:

The following are examples of unlawful housing discrimination when committed because of sexual orientation, gender identity, or the other state and federally protected classes:

- Intimidating or harassing tenants
- Refusing to rent, sell or offer housing-related services
- Falsely denying that housing is available
- Treating tenants different when providing repairs or services
- Apply different rules or rental amounts
- Steering people to rent in certain sections of town
- Telling property owners to sell when the character of their neighborhood changes
- Discriminatory advertising