

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Topic for June 12, 2020: **Housing Information and Resources**

Panelists:



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Today's Format

- Each panelist will give a brief presentation and then speakers will take questions from participants attending virtually.
- If you have a question to submit, use the chat function within GoToMeeting to submit your question, or email it to LCPH.meetings@linncounty.org. We will get to your question as soon as possible.
- This meeting is being recorded and will be posted publicly.

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Fair Housing

Presented by:

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Protected Classes in Cedar Rapids

- Age (18 & older)
- Color
- Creed
- Familial Status
- Gender Identity
- Marital Status
- Mental Disability
- Physical Disability
- National Origin
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation
- Association
- Retaliation



Defining Fair Housing

- All persons have the right to apply and be considered for housing for which they are qualified, in the location of their choosing
- Applies to all housing transactions: rentals, sales, leases, sub-leases, advertising, loans, appraisals, insurance, & zoning



The Ordinance

Based on someone's protected class or association with a person of a protected class, it is unlawful to:

- Alter terms or conditions of a sale or rental
- Make, print, or publish any notice, statement, or advertisement indicating any preference or limitation of prospective buyers or renters
- Represent to someone that any dwelling is not available when it actually is
- Steer individuals toward or away from specific properties or neighborhoods
- Refuse reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities



Reasonable Accommodations

Examples

- A landlord provides an accessible parking space to a tenant with a physical disability
- Allow changes in rules for paying rent
- Permit more “clutter” and/or allow more time to comply with notice to clean
- A landlord permits a tenant with a mobility impairment to move from a third-floor unit to the first floor
- Allow a service or support animal even with a “No Pets” policy



Service and Support Animals Are Not Pets

These animals are not subject to:

- Pet policies
- Payment of a pet deposit
- Pet rent/fees
- Prohibitions on animals based on type, size, number, breed, or weight
- Requirement to have identifying documents or vest



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- Please indicate who the question is for, if possible.
- If we do not get to your questions during the town hall, we will record the question and provide a written response as follow up.
- For general information on COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or visit the Linn County Public Health, Iowa Department of Public Health, or Centers for Disease Control websites.

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Resources

- Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission: www.Cedar-Rapids.org/civilrights; (319) 286-5123
- Affordable Housing Network, Inc.:
www.affordablehousingnetwork.org; (319) 363-1403
- Iowa Legal Aid Legal Advice Hotline: 1-800-332-0419;
www.iowalegalaid.org
- Housing Fund for Linn County: www.ecicog.org/hfflc.html
- ECI COG <https://www.ecicog.org/>; 319-365-9941
- Waypoint: www.waypointservices.org; (319) 365-1458
- Cedar Rapids Housing Services: www.cedar-rapids.org; (319) 286-5872
- Linn County General Assistance: (319) 892-5851
- Iowa Finance Authority: www.iowahousingrecovery.com

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Friday at 12 p.m.

Next town hall: Friday, June 19

Topic: **Make It OK**

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