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

Panelists:

- **Sara Buck**
  - Housing Services Manager
- **J’nae Peterman**
  - Director of Homeless & Housing Services
- **Tracey Achenbach**
  - Housing Department Director, ECICOG
- **Kim Eiler**
  - Director
- **Lisa Gavin**
  - Managing Attorney
  - Disaster Relief Coordinator
- **Stefanie Munsterman-Screven**
  - Executive Director
- **J’nae Peterman**
  - Director of Homeless & Housing Services
- **Sara Buck**
  - Housing Services Manager
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.
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

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Lisa Gavin
Managing Attorney
Disaster Relief Coordinator
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.
Resources

- Affordable Housing Network, Inc.: [www.affordablehousingnetwork.org](http://www.affordablehousingnetwork.org); (319) 363-1403
- Iowa Legal Aid Legal Advice Hotline: 1-800-332-0419; [www.iowalegalaid.org](http://www.iowalegalaid.org)
- Housing Fund for Linn County: [www.ecicog.org/hfflc.html](http://www.ecicog.org/hfflc.html)
- Waypoint: [www.waypointservices.org](http://www.waypointservices.org); (319) 365-1458
- Cedar Rapids Housing Services: [www.cedar-rapids.org](http://www.cedar-rapids.org); (319) 286-5872
- Linn County General Assistance: (319) 892-5851
- Iowa Finance Authority: [www.iowahousingrecovery.com](http://www.iowahousingrecovery.com)
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Friday at 12 p.m.

Next town hall: Friday, June 19

Topic: Make It OK

MakeItOK.org/IOWA