

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing July 2018 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 2

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 19

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 25

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	1
Dept. of Regulation & Licensing	0
Environmental Health Department	1
Building Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	6
Tenant Resource Center	3
Misc.	14
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	2
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	1
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	2
Survey Test	0
Complaint Driven Test	0
Workforce Development Center	0

*All call-ins / walk-ins in the section assessed and referred may be multiple referrals.

*Intakes are specifically related to filing complaints with HUD/ERD.

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

Racine Journal Times “Eviction Series” July 8 – July 11th.

PRESENTATION:

July 9, 2018 – St. Vincent De Paul Society – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and Landlord Tenant Rights – 21 people attended.

July 17-18, 2018 – A Home for Everyone Conference – Furthering Fair Housing Choice and Housing choice Vouchers an Interactive Workshop – 29 people attended

July 30, 2018 – Anti-Racism book Club – The Effects of Redlining in Racine: What Can We Do? - 18 people attended

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant has to move from his apartment and found a unit across the street, applied for the unit, and after meeting the landlord was told it was unavailable. CP feels it was because he is black, CP is fully qualified to live in the unit. CP had friends call after he was denied and was told the unit was still available. CP was referred to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for Fair Housing Testing Services.
- Complainant is disabled and uses a wheelchair. New owners purchased the building and began some renovations, the renovations pulled up the carpet and made it impossible for the CP to move around without puncturing the tires on his wheelchair. CP has been staying in a motel and is requesting to be excused from rent during the renovations as a reasonable accommodation. Staff advised CP of his rights and reviewed his letter of accommodation.

FILED (Alleged) COMPLAINT (S) w/HUD or ERD: None

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- Complaints landlord was not doing repairs on the unit. Staff helped CP draft a letter stating issues and establishing a timeline for repairs to be done. Property manager stated the repairs had to be approved by the landlord and did not get back to CP after that interaction. CP called the Health Department who inspected and the next day the CP received a 28 day notice of nonrenewal. Staff referred the CP to Legal Action and they accepted the case. The landlord rescinded the 28 day notice and is completing repairs. The CP is debating whether she wants to move or stay.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

None

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

- Staff referred one case to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for testing.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Staff had two fair housing complaints in July 2018.

Staff is looking for groups to speak with about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Please share potential contacts with staff.