

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing December 2019 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 0

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 11

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 17

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	5
Environmental Health Department	3
Building Department	1
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	0
Tenant Resource Center	3
ELCA Outreach Center	3
WI Bar Association	0
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	0
Housing Resources Inc.	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Affordable Housing Resources List	1
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council	1
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	0
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	0
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.

OUTSIDE RACINE:

- 3 calls from outside Racine. 2 Mount Pleasant, 1 Burlington

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Attended Unlearning Racism, Thursday, December 5, 2019 – A six part class through the YWCA of Milwaukee and Racine.
- Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Outreach
 - a. Jim Palenick – Tuesday, December 3, 2019
 - b. Ascension All Saints – Monday, December 9, 2019
 - c. Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency – Monday, December 9, 2019
 - d. RAMAC – Wednesday, December 18, 2019
 - e. GLCCC – Wednesday, December 18, 2019*These outreach meetings are ongoing, Neighborhood Services Division staff will be reaching out to groups for input into the plans.
- Women’s Resource Center, Tuesday, December 10, 2019, Fair Housing and Housing Search – two people attended.

Investigations Conducted:

- No fair housing investigations were conducted in December. One complainant is a survivor of domestic violence and was evicted due to it. She called asking if her eviction record could be sealed? Staff referred the case to Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council due to needing Fair Housing Legal Counsel.

FILED (Alleged) COMPLAINT (S) w/HUD or ERD:

- See above.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- The complainant is a black female with two children in the home. The property owner kept her security deposit, even though she had paid for the damage. Staff worked with the complainant to draft a letter from the Tenant Resource Center to refute her security deposit charges. The CP sent the letter, plus receipts to the property owner. The CP also spoke to previous tenants who had their security deposits withheld for the same reason. Once the letter was received the property owner called the tenant and returned the deposit in full.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

None

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

None

SPECIAL NOTES:

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

The City of Racine is seeking input from the general public and local stakeholders on the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice(AI), which will govern the use of Federal funds that the City receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) over the next five years. The City welcomes feedback from all residents and community members to inform the plan with key local knowledge.

Staff will be completing special outreach with the AAHRC members and AAHRC will be reviewing the AI Plan before it is submitted to Common Council.