

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing October 2021 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 1

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 28

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 37

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	2
Environmental Health Department	1
Building Department (RENTS)	6
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	3
Legal Action of Wisconsin	8
Tenant Resource Center	4
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	0
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	0
Housing Resources Inc./FEC	3
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	3
Lutheran Social Services	0
Here 2 Help	3
Affordable Housing Resources List	4
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	0
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	1
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:

- Seven calls from outside Racine: Mt. Pleasant (5); Kenosha (1); Milwaukee (1)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- None

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a disabled, white male, who cannot wear a mask due to his disability. CP lives in an elderly/disabled building and the manager is having a mandatory in person meeting. CP does not feel comfortable attending the meeting and has requested to either attend via zoom, over the phone, or receive written information. The manager said, "Everyone must be treated equally, there is no special treatment." Staff worked with the CP to request a reasonable accommodation and included the *JOINT STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT* and a copy of the city of Racine Fair Housing Brochure. The meeting announcement shifted to allow tenants to attend via zoom if they choose or attend in person.

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

- None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- Complainant is a single, African-American, Hispanic female with three children and an Emotional Support Animal. She had received a 14-day notice of lease violation for the ESA. Staff helped her understand her fair housing rights and she negotiated with the property owner to rescind the 14-day notice and allow her to stay. She has decided to move and find a better place, but she has time to look for a better location.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

None

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

None

SPECIAL NOTES:

New updated Fair Housing Brochures are now available in both Spanish and English.

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

The Federal Eviction Moratorium has been vacated by the Supreme Court.

Staff has been coordinating and working together with local agencies to have a strong rental assistance response. Racine County has established the Here 2 Help program which both provides referrals and services to Racine residents.