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Fair Housing Workshop

The City of Palmetto has a Fair Housing Ordinance that is still active to date and is in accordance with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended in 1988.

Most types of housing are covered and protected under the Fair Housing Act. However, there are minimal exceptions.

The Fair Housing Act means that, in the Sale and Rental of Housing, no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting) or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

In addition, it also means that it is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

If you feel that your rights have been violated, there are actions you can take. Please call (904) 232-2627 or visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/yourrights.cfm> to download a complaint form.