

HOW TO OPERATE LEGALLY AS A PROPERTY OWNER

Source of Income Discrimination

Families and individuals who participate in public assistance programs face the challenging task of finding affordable housing in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance provides that:



Property Owners CANNOT discriminate against renters who use rent subsidies to pay for housing

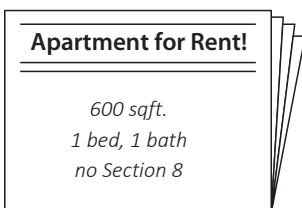


Property Owners MUST allow applicants to apply for available housing regardless of whether they are using rent subsidies.



Property Owners MUST assess applicants equally and fairly to determine whether they would be the best tenant for their rental unit.

Renters have a right to fair housing



PROPERTY OWNERS CANNOT:

- ❌ Advertise that they don't accept Section 8
- ❌ Deny renters the opportunity to apply
- ❌ Offer different rental terms because someone participates in a public assistance program that subsidizes a portion of their rent

Consequences for Violations

If a property owner has violated the Ordinance, remedies may include: monetary remedies (i.e. damages, costs, and attorney's fees) to the renter or prospective renter; penalties to the City of Minneapolis; policy and practice changes; compliance training; and short or long-term monitoring.

Interested in learning more about operating legally in Minneapolis?

There are 3 ways to connect for no-risk support:



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