Saint Paul - New Ordinance Takes Effect on April 1, 2020

Saint Paul Human Rights Ordinance

Effective April 1, 2020, the City of Saint Paul has implemented a new ordinance that strengthens protections against housing discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act (Fair Housing Act) provides federal protection against discrimination in housing, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. Saint Paul’s Human Rights Ordinance is modeled after federal law and provides additional protections for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) or those who are members of other communities that have experienced discrimination.

The new ordinance includes new standards to address discrimination in housing, including requirements for landlords to provide information about the property’s compliance with fair housing laws, and to provide notices to tenants about their rights under the law.

Violations of the new ordinance can result in fines up to $500 per violation. In addition, the ordinance includes provisions for enforcement, including the ability for the city’s housing department to conduct inspections and issue citations.

The new ordinance is a significant step forward in protecting the rights of all residents of Saint Paul.

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