

## **Fair Housing Complaint Procedure**

The development and adoption of a fair housing program is a requirement due to an economic development block grant the County received. As part of this program, the Board of Commissioners must adopt a complaint procedure for persons who allege discrimination against them under Title VIII (Fair Housing Section) of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The Board must also designate an agent to review complaints filed with the County.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners, on October 5, 1987, designated the County Planning Board as the County's agent to review fair housing violations, and adopted the following fair housing complaint procedure:

### Title VIII Violation Complaint Procedure

(a) Any person who claims to have been injured by an unlawful housing practice or who believes that he will be irrevocably injured by an unlawful housing practice that is about to occur may file a complaint with the County of Randolph.

(b) All complaints shall be filed within one hundred and eighty days after the alleged unlawful housing practice occurred. Complaints shall be in writing and shall state facts upon which allegations of a violation of Title VIII are based. The respondent may file an answer to the complaint. Both complaint and answer may be amended.

(c) Upon receipt of such complaint, the Randolph County Planning Board, as the County's designated agent, shall investigate the matter, shall notify the person(s) who allegedly committed or was about to commit the alleged unlawful housing practice, and shall seek to conciliate the alleged violation.

(d) If the Randolph County Planning Board, as designated agent, is unable to resolve the alleged discrimination within thirty days, the matter shall be referred to the North Carolina Human Relations Council.

*Adopted October 5, 1987.*

## **Fair Housing Complaint Procedure Amendment**

The Board of Commissioners revised the County's Fair Housing Complaint Procedure to reflect the following changes in the law: a complainant now has 12 months to file a complaint rather than 180 days and the N.C. Human Relations Council is now the N.C. Human Relations Commission.

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