

## **ENVIRONMENT CODES**

Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances is titled Human Relations, but mostly it has to do with fair housing. This code reflects the federal policies enacted in the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

You can read the chapter in full <u>here</u>. What it comes down to is that it is unlawful to treat someone unequally when trying to buy, sell, rent, lease, or finance a home based on "race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin."

The article goes into great detail about the different forms that discrimination could take. It could be something as obvious as blatant refusal to rent or sell to someone based on those characteristics, or it could be an advertisement that implies discrimination more discreetly.

There are certain exemptions, such as for religious organizations that own or operate dwellings intended for other members of that same religion. You can read more about the exemptions <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.