

## **FAIR HOUSING**

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by Congress in 1988 in enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act, prohibits discrimination in the provision of housing and housing-related services based on race color, religion, national origin, sex (gender), familial status (presence of children under the age of 18), and handicap. Nevada state law also includes protections based on ancestry, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. Fair housing laws apply to all types of housing and housing-related transactions, including rental, sales, lending, insurance, and advertising. Any entity that controls housing choice, including public housing authorities, homeowner associations, and agencies administering housing funds, is subject to the provisions of state and federal fair housing laws.

**City of Sparks** is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing for all residents of our community. Learn more about the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, please contact the City's Housing Specialist.

## **FAIR HOUSING QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

For questions about fair housing rights and responsibilities, or to file a housing discrimination complaint, the following agencies can provide information and/or complaint intake services. Note that you have up to one year after the last incident of discrimination to file an administrative complaint, and up to two years to file a court case.

### **Silver State Fair Housing Council**

A nonprofit agency advocates for fair housing by providing a comprehensive program of outreach, education, and enforcement activities. By addressing the needs of housing consumers, housing providers, and local governments, SSFHC works to break down barriers to equal housing opportunity and build opportunities for community members to relate to each other as neighbors.

Northern Nevada: 775-324-0990 / 888-585-8634 toll-free

Southern Nevada: 702-749-3288 / 888-585-8634 toll-free

Relay Nevada 711

Website: [www.ssfhc.org](http://www.ssfhc.org)

Email: [FairHousing@ssfhc.org](mailto:FairHousing@ssfhc.org)

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity / Regional Office in San Francisco**

Federal agency enforcing the federal Fair Housing Act; receives and investigates bona fide claims of housing discrimination.

800-347-3739

415-489-6564 TTY

Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

### **Nevada Equal Rights Commission**

State agency enforcing state fair housing laws; receives and investigates bona fide claims of housing discrimination.

Northern Nevada: 775-823-6690

Southern Nevada: 702-486-7161

NV Relay 711 or 800-326-6868

Website: <http://nvdecr.org/nerc.htm>