Open Letter to Clarion Borough and Clarion County Landlords...

Dear landlords and operators of rental housing,

As a landlord and/or operator of rental housing in Clarion County, you play a key role in the provision of quality housing opportunities in our community. In doing so, you also place yourselves on the frontlines in regards to Fair Housing practices within our community. Your ultimate actions in providing access to housing without discrimination are very important. While there are various Fair Housing regulations and ensuring compliance may seem difficult, please be aware that you are not alone!

The Borough of Clarion and Clarion County have joined forces to affirmatively further Fair Housing practices within our jurisdictions. As a beginning, we want to remind all landlords and operators of rental housing that the following actions, if based on race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, disability, or familial status (families with children), are considered discriminatory:

1. Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.

2. Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.

3. Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, disability, or familial status.

4. Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rent when it really is available.

5. Block-busting for profit, persuading owners to sell or rent housing by telling them that minority groups are moving into the neighborhood.

6. Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.

7. Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple-listing services, or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.

If you have any questions or need assistance regarding Fair Housing practices, please do not hesitate to call Todd Colosimo, Fair Housing Officer, Borough of Clarion, at (814) 226-7707, Extension 109 or Twila Rifenberrick, Fair Housing Officer, Clarion County, at (814) 226-4000, Extension 2800.

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