

BOWLING GREEN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



MARCH 2026 FAIR HOUSING NEWSLETTER

We are Gearing up Next Month for

Fair Housing Month!

History of BGHRC

The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission is non-profit agency committed to serving the community through advocacy for the rights of the protected classes which include: race, color, religion, national origin, age (over 40) sex (meaning gender) disability, familiar status (in housing). Created by the City of Bowling Green ordinance in 1966. The commission also investigates only three areas of jurisdiction allegations of discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation. The commission overall efforts focuses on education, assistance and promoting fair treatment and positive human relations within the community.

History of Fair Housing Act

On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was meant as the following-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The 1968 Act on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) handicap and family status. Title V111 of the Act is known as the Fair Housing Act (1968). The enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968 came only after a long journey. However, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 04, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson utilized this national tragedy to urge for the bill's speedy Congressional approval. Since the 1966 open housing marches in Chicago, Dr. King's name had been closely associated with the fair housing legislation. President Johnson viewed the Act as a fitting memorial to the man's work, and wished to have the Act passed prior to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta. Another significant issue during this time period was growing casualty list from Vietnam. The deaths in Vietnam fell heaviest upon young, poor African -American and Hispanic infantrymen. However, on the home front, these men's families could not purchase or rent homes in certain residential developments on account of their race or national origin



Just a reminder to all of our community partners, housing agencies, organizations that next month is **FAIR HOUSING MONTH!**

Please be on the look-out for our **Fair Housing Month Event details** through email or you may even receive a courtesy phone call invite. We hope to see you all next month. We, appreciate you all so much!!!

WARMING CENTERS

*Updated 1/22/2026: Winter Storm In Effect 01/23/2026

****DAILY WHEN TEMPS AT OR BELOW 35 DEGREES****

FRI-THUR, 1/23-29 SALVATION ARMY, 400 W MAIN

MON, 1/26 THE CAPITOL, 416 E. MAIN, 8 -4

TUES, 1/27 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1106 STATE, 8-4

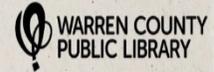
TUES-THUR 1/27-1/29 WELLNESS CONNECTION

428 CENTER ST, 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

TRANSPORTATION

WCSSO: 270-842-1633

WCPL's Little Free Shuttle: 270 781 4882 ext 904



OVERNIGHT

Room In The Inn registration is nightly at 5:00 p.m. at the Life Nav Center at 423 W. Main Ave, directly across the street from the Salvation Army. Space is limited, with Salvation Army operating "White Flag" shelter when temps are at or below 35 degrees.



EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

GET CONNECTED TO RESOURCES AT

LIFE NAVIGATION CENTER

423 W. MAIN AVE

Open Monday-Friday

8:30-4:00 pm

Call 270-560-3591



BG Neighbors Aid Network: Call or text 615-581-7106

Fair Housing Disability



Discrimination

Disability discrimination under the **Fair Housing Act (FHA)** is the illegal refusal to rent, sell, or negotiate housing, or the imposition of different terms, because a person has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities. It includes denying reasonable accommodations/modifications, failing to meet accessibility design standards for new multi-family, or discriminating based on association with a person with a disability.



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Key Aspects of Disability Discrimination in Housing Include:

- **Refusal of Reasonable Accommodations:** Landlords must make exceptions to rules or policies (e.g., allowing an assistance animal in a "no-pets" building, assigning a reserved parking spot) to allow a person with a disability equal housing opportunities.
- **Refusal of Reasonable Modifications:** Landlords must permit tenants to make, at their own expense, necessary physical changes to the premises (e.g., installing a ramp, grab bars).
- **Accessibility Design Failures:** Multi-family housing with four or more units designed and built after March 13, 1991, must have accessible common areas, doors, and routes.
- **Discriminatory Inquiries:** Asking applicants if they have a disability or inquiring about the nature or severity of a disability is generally prohibited.
- **Other Illegal Acts:** Charging extra fees for service animals, steering, or falsely stating that a unit is not available because of a disability.

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The FHA applies to most types of housing, including private, publicly assisted, and rental housing.



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (.gov) +3

If your agency, Landlords, Property Managers of apartment complexes, organizations etc. would like Fair Housing Training please contact us below!

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