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THE CHICAGO FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

WHAT DOES THE
ORDINANCE DO?

IT PROHIBITS REAL ESTATE BROKERS FROM DISCRIMINATING BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANCESTRY IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO. IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT NO REAL ESTATE BROKER MAY SOLICIT RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE ON THE BASIS THAT ITS VALUE WILL BE LESSENED BECAUSE OF THE ENTRY INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF PERSONS OF A PARTICULAR RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANCESTRY ("PANIC PEDDLING").

WHAT DO I DO IF
I BELIEVE I HAVE
BEEN DISCRIMINATED
AGAINST?

ANYONE WHO BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONALITY IN HIS SEARCH FOR HOUSING SHOULD FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS. THIS IS EASILY DONE BY CONTACTING THE COMMISSION AND ASKING FOR THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY
NEIGHBORHOOD IS
BOTHERED BY A
"PANIC PEDDLER"?

A COMPLAINT SHOULD BE FILED WITH THE CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS.

WHAT HAPPENS TO A
COMPLAINT THAT IS
FILED WITH THE
COMMISSION?

THE COMMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE ANY COMPLAINT CHARGING UNLAWFUL HOUSING PRACTICES. THE COMMISSION WILL SEEK TO ADJUST SUCH COMPLAINTS, HOLD HEARINGS IF NECESSARY AND MAKE FINDINGS OF FACT. THE MAYOR IS EMPOWERED TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE BROKER'S LICENSE OF ANY BROKER FOUND BY THE COMMISSION TO BE VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE. STEPS ALSO CAN BE TAKEN TO REVOKE A BROKER'S STATE LICENSE.