



Legislation Text

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Proposed Revisions to Chapter 8 titled "Discrimination" of the City Code of Ordinances (B)

Ordinance No. 201088

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 8, Section 8-88, of the Code of Ordinances, relating to prohibition of discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, by adding a provision clarifying prohibitions against discrimination based on "lawful source of income;" providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

On June 10, 2021, the General Policy Committee voted to direct staff to amend the Fair Housing ordinance to include: Under lawful source of income, landlord or any agent may only consider the portion of rent the holder of the Section 8 voucher (or other funding subsidy) is required to pay out of pocket. Our current Fair Housing ordinance already prohibits "lawful source of income" discrimination. Staff has made the requested changes addressing a landlord's rent-to-income financial qualification calculation as it pertains to voucher holders. The proposed change would mean that landlords cannot automatically refuse to accept vouchers, or automatically disqualify voucher holders from rental consideration.

None