

CHAPTER 21

KENOSHA COUNTY
FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

A. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 21.01-1 AUTHORITY
This ordinance is adopted under the authority granted to the County by sections 101.22, 66.432 and 66.433 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended. The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Kenosha do ordain as follows:
- 21.01-2 PURPOSE
It is the purpose of this ordinance to endorse and recognize the concepts of fair housing for all persons in order to promote the health, safety, human rights, prosperity and general welfare of the people of Kenosha County, Wisconsin.
- 21.01-3 INTENT
The intent of this ordinance is to prevent and prohibit unlawful discrimination in housing and to provide that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing regardless of sex, race, color, sexual orientation as defined in section 111.32(13m) of the Wisconsin Statutes, handicap, religion, national origin, marital status of the person maintaining a household, lawful source of income, age or ancestry.
- 21.01-4 TITLE
This ordinance shall be known as, referred to, and cited as, "Chapter 21, Fair Housing Ordinance of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County, Wisconsin".

B. INTERPRETATION

- 21.02-1 INTERPRETATION
It is the intent that this ordinance be interpreted by courts consistently with section 101.22 of the Wisconsin Statutes as amended from time to time, and that it be liberally construed to give full effect to its intent. This ordinance shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 21.02-2 SEVERABILITY
If any section, provision or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
- 21.02-3 REPEAL
All other ordinances or parts of ordinances of the county inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance, to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency only, are hereby repealed.

C. STATE LAW ADOPTED

- 21.03 - 101.22(1) to 21.03 - 101.22(7).
The statutory provisions dealing with Equal Rights found in section 101.22 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended from time to time, referred to in this ordinance by prefix 21.03-101.22 and listed below are hereby adopted by reference and

made part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Any act prohibited by said section 101.22 is prohibited by this ordinance.

- 21.03 - 101.22(1) Intent.
- 21.03 - 101.22(1m) Definitions.
- 21.03 - 101.22(2) Discrimination Prohibited.
- 21.03 - 101.22(2g) Exceptions.
- 21.03 - 101.22(2m) Representations to Induce Panic Sales.
- 21.03 - 101.22(2p) Animals Assisting the Handicapped.
- 21.03 - 101.22(4m) Interference, Coercion or Intimidation.
- 21.03 - 101.22(4n) Requiring References.
- 21.03 - 101.22(7) Private Civil Actions.

D. PENALTY

21.04-1 PENALTY

- (a) Any person who willfully violates this section or any lawful order issued under this section shall, for the first violation, forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 or upon a failure to pay the forfeiture imposed, may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 30 days.
- (b) Any person adjudged to have violated this section within five years after having been adjudged to have violated this section, for every violation committed within the five years, shall forfeit not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, or upon failure to pay the forfeiture imposed, may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 60 days.

E. ENFORCEMENT

21.05-1 Complaints under this ordinance shall be forwarded to the District Attorney for prosecution. This chapter shall be enforced according to provisions contained in section 66.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes.