



Housing and Community Development Department  
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 6301, Oakland, CA 94612

# OAKLAND LAW PROHIBITS RENTAL DISCRIMINATION BASED ON CRIMINAL HISTORY

*Ronald V. Dellums and Simarashe Sherry Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance*

## **Housing Violators Subject to Administrative Action**

Violations by a housing provider of specific provisions of the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance No. 13581 C.M.S. (O.M.C. 8.25) may be subject to an administrative citation.

The City of Oakland may issue a citation for any violation of the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance, including but not limited to the following:

- Inquire about criminal history
- Indicate that persons with criminal backgrounds will not be considered for housing
- Refuse to rent or terminate a tenancy based on criminal history
- Require disclosure or authorization for release of criminal history
- Demand higher security deposit or rental amount based on criminal history
- Refuse to allow the addition of an immediate family member based on the family member's criminal history
- Disqualify tenants from rental assistance programs such as Section 8 based on criminal history (subject to certain exceptions)
- Take any other negative action against applicants/tenants based on criminal history

If you believe there has been a violation, you may submit a request for the City of Oakland or its authorized agent to investigate possible violations. Complete a written complaint on the attached Declaration Form and mail or email to:

City of Oakland  
Housing and Community Development Department  
250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 6301  
Oakland, CA 94612  
email: [housingassistance@oaklandca.gov](mailto:housingassistance@oaklandca.gov)

For information call (510) 238-6182 or visit  
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/fair-chance-access-to-housing-ordinance>

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**Declaration of Housing Applicant or Tenant**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Housing Provider:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, full address and phone number of the housing provider (if known)

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Address of relevant property

**2. Alleged Violation Options** (check all that are applicable):

- Asked about criminal history
- Not considered
- Refused to rent/terminated
- Required disclosure/authorization
- Rent/deposit increased
- Refused family member
- Disqualified rental assistance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. This Declaration** informs the City of Oakland about what I think is a violation of the Fair Chance Ordinance. (Please be as complete and accurate as possible. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

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**4. The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- Check here if you are submitting documents (e.g., a copy of the advertisement or the rental application) with this Declaration. (Submitting documents that tend to support your allegations is optional but encouraged insofar as they would assist with this investigation.)