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Division on Civil Rights Proposes Re-adoption of its Multiple Dwelling Reporting Rules with Amendments

TRENTON – The Division on Civil Rights (DCR) proposed Monday to readopt its regulations governing the Multiple Dwelling Reporting Rules (MDRR) with amendments.

The New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD) prohibits discrimination in housing based on membership in an LAD-protected class. The <u>current MDRR regulations</u>, which were enacted pursuant to the LAD, require that all owners of apartment complexes with 25 or more units file an annual report with DCR containing, among other things, demographic information for apartment applicants and leaseholders and whether developments are barrier-free.

DCR's proposed amendments to the regulations will:

- expand mandatory reporting from owners of 25 units or more in an apartment development to owners of 25 dwelling units or more across the state of New Jersey, regardless of location or type of dwelling;
- require demographic information reporting on not only leaseholders but all individual known occupants;
- add gender and familial status as categories of required demographic reporting;
- prohibit harassment, discrimination, and intimidation related to collecting demographic information from applicants and tenants;
- increase the penalties for late filing;
- institute a penalty for false reporting; and
- make other minor amendments and updates to definitions and regulatory provisions.

The proposed amendments were published in the New Jersey Register on October 7, 2024.

To view the amendments and information about how to submit a comment by December 6, 2024, please visit https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/regulations.

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The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights enforces the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, the New Jersey Family Leave Act, and the Fair Chance in Housing Act, and works to prevent, eliminate, and remedy discrimination and bias-based harassment in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation throughout New Jersey.

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