

158.05 COMPLAINTS.

(a) Any person may file a complaint with the Board charging another person with an unlawful housing practice directed at him. Such complaint shall be in writing and shall clearly state the name of the complainant, the name of the person who has violated the terms of this chapter and the particulars of such alleged violation. The Board shall have no jurisdiction to act on any complaint where such complaint is not filed within sixty days from the occurrence of the alleged unlawful housing practice.

(b) The Board shall, after receiving such complaint, make a prompt and full investigation and determine whether or not, in its opinion, probable cause exists for believing that the allegations made in the complaint are true. The Board shall thereafter advise the complainant and the person or persons against whom the complaint is directed of its determination.

(c) If, after such investigation, the Board determines that probable cause does not exist to believe that the allegations made in the complaint are true, it shall take no further action concerning such complaint.

(d) If, after such investigation, the Board determines that probable cause does exist to believe that the allegations made in the complaint are true, it shall attempt to resolve the alleged unlawful housing practice by means of conciliation.

(e) The Board shall submit a written report to the Mayor for each complaint filed with it pursuant to subsection (a) hereof after it has completed its investigation of such complaint. Such report shall include its findings of fact, its actions and the results of such actions. The Mayor after receiving each report shall confer with the Director of Law to ascertain what further legal action, if any, would be appropriate concerning such complaint.

(f) Except as provided herein, the Board shall not inform any person of the filing of any complaint, the proceedings instituted thereunder, its findings of fact or its actions or the results of such actions.

(g) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent any person from applying to any proper court of record for relief for a violation of the terms and conditions of this chapter.

(h) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

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