

# TOWN OF RICHFORD LOCAL LAW

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## *FAIR HOUSING LAW*

A law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color religion, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, familiar status, or national origin in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, or in the availability of residential real-estate related transactions.

### **Article I: Purpose and Enactment**

#### Section 100 - Purposes and Enactment

For the purpose of providing fair housing opportunities within the Town of Richford, the Town Board of Richford in the County of Tioga, State of New York, under the authority of the General Municipal and Town Laws, hereby ordains, enacts, and publishes the Local Law.

### **Article II: Definitions**

#### Section 200 - Definitions

Section 201 - General: For the purpose of this local law, certain words or phrases herein shall be interpreted as follows, except where the context clearly indicates the contrary:

Words used in the singular include the plural, words used in the present tense include the future tense, the word "person" includes a corporation as well as an individual, and the word "shall" is always mandatory.

Section 202 - Specific words or phrases: For the purpose of this local law, certain terms or words herein shall be interpreted as follows:

"Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such building, structure, or portion thereof.

"Person" includes one or more of individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, unincorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and fiduciaries.

"Family" includes a single individual.

"To rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let and otherwise to grant for a consideration the right to occupy premises not owned by the occupant.

"Discriminatory housing practice" means an act that is unlawful under Articles III, IV, or V of this law.