

HOUSING STATUS

AS A PROTECTED CLASS

WHAT

CURRENTLY or FORMERLY

- not having a fixed residence
- residing in private or publicly owned housing
- living on the street or in a shelter
- lacking a residential rental history

If a person meets all other criteria for housing, a housing provider may not discriminate based on **ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED** housing status.

WHY

- Affordable housing is already hard to find
- Housing reduces criminal recidivism
- Economic efficiency for social supports
- Intersectionality of housing status with other protected class identities/statuses



Our proposed definition of **Housing Status**:

The actual or perceived type of housing in which an individual resides, or previously resided in, whether publicly or privately owned; or the status of not having a fixed residence, including the status of living on the streets or in a homeless shelter or similar temporary residence; or currently or formerly living in transitional, temporary, or shelter housing; or lacking a residential rental housing history in whole or in part.

**Have questions?
Contact us.**



What can you do?

- Let your City Council member that you **SUPPORT** this addition to City Code
- **SHARE** this information with someone who could benefit from it
- **ENCOURAGE** others to speak up

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a Council meeting
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What is included in “not having a fixed residence”?

- living in a shelter
- living in a vehicle
- couch surfing
- living in a transitional medical facility
- living in a tent
- living unsheltered on the street

