

**OTHER PLACES PEOPLE MAY
FIND ASSISTANCE WITH
DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS.**

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

5 Pearl Street (734) 483-9642
This office can assist you with concerns about City Ordinance violations relating to discrimination.

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL RIGHTS:**

Cadillac Place
3054 W. Grand Blvd. Suite 3-600
Detroit, MI (313) 456-3700
They handle complaints of discrimination for Ypsilanti.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI (313) 226-7636
The Commission handles employment discrimination complaints which fall under Federal law.

**FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE
COMPLAINT PROCESS, CONTACT
THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

**YOU MAY ALSO FIND HELP FROM
THE FOLLOWING:**

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Detroit, MI (313) 578-6800

National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
(NAACP)
Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch
(734) 480-9654

Eastern Michigan University
Dept. of Diversity and Affirmation
Action
(734) 487-1166

Washtenaw County Fair Housing Center
(734) 994-3426

Center for Independent Living
(734) 971-0277

Southeast Michigan Legal Services
(734) 665-6181

Washtenaw County Lawyer Referral
(734) 996-3229

**HUMAN
RELATIONS
COMMISSION**



CITY HALL
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Clerk's Office (734) 483-1100
City Attorney (734) 483-9642

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http://cityofypsilanti.com/boards/bd_human-rel

CITY OF YPSILANTI

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The City Charter that was adopted by the electors on November 8, 1994 and took effect on December 1, 1994 calls for the creation of a Human Relations Commission, consisting of nine members that shall be representative of the diversity of the entire community. The Mayor and City Council appoint the Human Relations Commission.

The City of Ypsilanti has a non-discrimination law. The intent is to protect people from discrimination because of

race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, having a disability, familial status, educational association, source of income, height, or weight.

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Email the HRC:

hrc@cityofypsilanti.com

Correspondence received at this email address will be received by the Commission at the next regular meeting. If your message is urgent or you would like to file a complaint, please follow the steps outlined in this brochure.

MEETINGS

The Commission is subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Commission meets at least quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month and more often when necessary. The meeting dates are posted in City Hall and more specific information about the Commission meetings may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, phone (734) 483-1100.

The purpose and function of the Commission follows:

- Serve as an advisory body for the City Council and City Manager.
- Study problems of the City related to prejudice and discrimination.
- Promote mutual understanding and foster equality and respect among all people.
- Study patterns of tension, discrimination or prejudice and offer assistance for mediation.
- Develop educational and informational programs and conduct meetings to bring about better human relations.
- Accept grants and donations on behalf of the City to study the cooperation among various community groups.

Any citizen of the City may propose a matter for inquiry and study by the Commission concerning matters that result in patterns of tensions, discrimination or prejudice. The process is as follows:

1. An individual or their attorney may file a verified (notarized) complaint with the City Attorney's Office.
2. The person against whom the complaint is filed is notified.
3. The complaint is referred to the appropriate City Department for investigation.
4. If it is determined that no probable cause exists, the City Attorney shall notify the complainant.
5. If it is determined that probable cause exists, the City Attorney will refer the case to the Commission and notify the parties involved.
6. The Commission will determine the appropriate course of action. Any resolution of the dispute shall not be final until released by the Commission.

The Commission shall not receive or deal with complaints between individuals, but may refer persons with complaints concerning individuals to appropriate agencies.