

listing and financing of housing based on race, color, religious creed, ancestry or national origin, and to assure equal opportunity for housing facilities to all persons, co-existent with the intent and purposes but not necessarily the scope or limitation of the Fair Housing Provisions of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1968; and in accordance with the concepts of conciliation, administrative and constitutional due process authorize the Commission Panel on Housing of the Montgomery County Commission on Human Relations to administer and assure enforcement of the provisions of this enactment with its terms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that—

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Montgomery County Code 1965, a new Article, to be known as Article III, Chapter 77, to follow immediately after Chapter 77, Section 77-12 thereof, and to read as follows:

77-13. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article:

(a) "Dwelling" means any building, facility or structure, or portion thereof, which is designed, intended or arranged for use or occupancy as a home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more individuals.

(b) "Housing" includes any building, facility or structure, or portion thereof, which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged or designed to be used or occupied as the home, residence or sleeping place of one or more individuals, groups or families and any vacant land offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of such building, facility or structure.

(c) "Commission" means the Montgomery County Commission on Human Relations.

(d) "Commission Panel on Housing," hereinafter known as Commission Panel, shall consist of at least two members of the Montgomery County Commission on Human Relations and one member of the community at large or an additional member of the Human Relations Commission, all members to be designated by the Montgomery County Council, of which one such member shall be the Chairman of the Commission on Human Relations (the members of the Commission Panel designated by the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Council), to carry out the adjudicatory and enforcement functions pertaining to alleged violations of this Article, except that said Panel shall not participate in any investigation of an alleged violation before it nor any conciliation proceedings prior to a public or private hearing on the merits.

(e) "Executive Secretary" includes a member of the County Manager's staff or his designee appointed to serve in this capacity.

(f) "Lending institution" means any bank, insurance company, savings and loan association or any other person or organization regularly engaged in the business of lending money or guaranteeing loans.

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

(h) "Real estate broker" means any person duly licensed as a real estate broker in accordance with the provisions of Article 56, Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957.