

ORD. AMDT. 5, 12-13

AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CLARIFYING THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HOLDERS OF SECTION 8
HOUSING VOUCHERS IS ILLEGAL IN DANE COUNTY

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 31.02 is amended to read as follows:

31.02 INTENT. It is the intent of this chapter to render unlawful discrimination in housing. It is the declared policy of the County of Dane that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing regardless of race, gender, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, domestic partnership status, family status, mental illness, disability, physical appearance, lawful source of income, receipt of housing assistance under Title 42, United States Code, Section VIII [the "Section 8" housing program], student status, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, military discharge status, political beliefs, status as a victim of domestic abuse, or the fact that a person declines to disclose his or her Social Security Number when such disclosure is not compelled by state or federal law, or the person is associated with a tenant union. This chapter shall be deemed an exercise of the police powers of the County of Dane for the protection of the welfare, health, peace, dignity and human rights of the people of this county, and as a fulfillment of the legislative directive of sec. 66.1011, Wis. Stats.

ARTICLE 3. Section 31.03(4) is amended to read as follows:

31.03 DEFINITIONS. (4) *Discriminate* and *discrimination* mean to segregate, separate, exclude or treat any persons unequally because of race, gender, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, domestic partnership status, family status, mental illness, physical condition, appearance, lawful source of income, receipt of rental assistance under Title 42, United States Code, Section VIII [the "Section 8" housing program], student status, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, military discharge status, political beliefs, status as a victim of domestic abuse as defined in sec. 813.12(1)(am), Wis. Stats., failure to disclose Social Security Number, and association with or formation of a tenant union in apartments or mobile home parks or communities.