

## 2001. Definitions.

When used in Title 34, Chapter 37 of the General Laws of Rhode Island and in these rules:

A) “**Commission**” means the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights.

B) “**Charge**” means any written statement made under oath alleging that any person has engaged in or is engaging in an unlawful discriminatory housing practice(s) that has been filed pursuant to Rule 4 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

C) “**Owner**” means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, receivers, legal representatives, trustees, other fiduciaries, or real estate brokers or real estate salespersons as defined in Chapter 20.5 of Title 5 having the right to sell, lease, or manage a housing accommodation. This includes, but is not limited to, property owners, property managers, real estate brokers and agents and state and municipal governments.

D) “**Complainant**” means an aggrieved individual(s) who, or an organization chartered for the purpose of combating discrimination, racism, or safeguarding civil liberties, which makes a charge, in writing, under oath, to the Commission, or the Commission member(s) or staff member(s) who files a charge on behalf of the Commission.

E) “**Respondent**” means a person against whom a charge has been filed, or against whom a complaint was issued.

F) “**Complaint**” means a formal complaint issued by the Commission pursuant to the Rule 7 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

G) “**Housing Accommodation**” means any building or structure, or portion thereof, or any parcel of land, developed or undeveloped, which is occupied, or is intended, designed or arranged to be occupied, or to be developed for occupancy, as the home or residence of one or more persons.

H) “**Act**” means the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act as amended.