

PREDETERMINATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

CP# 07-21-76817
HUD# 07-21-7717-8

PARTIES TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

RESPONDENTS

2D PROPERTIES, LLC
313 NW Sunset Ln
Grimes, IA 50265

GOODALL PROPERTIES, LLC
3233 Ashworth Rd
Waukee, IA 50263

MIKE PETERS
Goodall Properties, LLC
3233 Ashworth Rd
Waukee, IA 50263

MATTHEW _____
Goodall Properties, LLC
3233 Ashworth Rd
Waukee, IA 50263

COMPLAINANT

HEIDI DOUGHMAN
3311 Ave F
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

and

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
400 East 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Description of the Parties: Complainant is a person with disabilities that requires the use of an assistance animal. Complainant alleges that Respondents refused to accept her doctor's letter for her assistance animal and therefore failed to make a reasonable accommodation. The subject property is duplex/two family unit located at 4633 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Terms of Settlement: A complaint having been filed by Complainant against Respondents with the Commission under Iowa Code Chapter 216 and there having been a preliminary inquiry, the parties do hereby agree and settle the above-captioned matter in the following extent and manner:

Acknowledgment of Fair Housing Laws

1. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC, Goodall Properties, LLC, Mike Peters, and Matthew _____ agree there shall be no discrimination, harassment, or retaliation of any kind against Complainants or any other person for filing a charge under the “Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965” (ICRA); or because of giving testimony or assistance, or participating in any manner in any investigation, proceeding or hearing under the ICRA; or because of lawful opposition to any practice forbidden by the ICRA. Iowa Code § 216.11(2).
2. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC, Goodall Properties, LLC, Mike Peters, and Matthew _____ acknowledge the ICRA and the Federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) makes it unlawful to discriminate in the terms, conditions or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with the dwelling because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or familial status. Iowa Code § 216.8(1) (b), 42 U.S.C. 3604(b), 3604(f) (2) (§ 804 of the Fair Housing Act).
3. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC, Goodall Properties, LLC, Mike Peters, and Matthew _____ acknowledge the FHA and ICRA make it unlawful to discriminate against another person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with the dwelling because of a disability. 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(3)(a) (§ 804(f)(2)(a) of the Fair Housing Act); Iowa Code § 216.8A(3)(b)(1).
4. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC, Goodall Properties, LLC, Mike Peters, and Matthew _____ acknowledge that the FHA and ICRA make it unlawful for any person to retaliate against another person in any of the rights protected against discrimination by this chapter because such person has lawfully opposed any practice forbidden under this chapter, obeys the provisions of this chapter, or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under this chapter. Iowa Code § 216.11(2).

Voluntary and Full Settlement

5. The parties acknowledge this Predetermination Settlement Agreement is a voluntary and full settlement of the disputed complaint. The parties affirm they have read and fully understand the terms set forth herein. No party has been coerced, intimidated, threatened or in any way forced to become a party to this Agreement.
6. The parties enter into this Agreement in a good faith effort to amicably resolve existing disputes. The execution of this Agreement is not an admission of any wrongdoing or violation of law. Nor is the execution of this Agreement an admission by Complainant that any claims asserted in their complaint are not fully meritorious.

7. The parties agree the execution of this Agreement may be accomplished by separate counterpart executions of this Agreement. The parties agree the original executed signature pages will be attached to the body of this Agreement to constitute one document.
8. Respondents agree the Commission may review compliance with this Agreement. And as part of such review, Respondent agrees the Commission may examine witnesses, collect documents, or require written reports, all of which will be conducted in a reasonable manner by the Commission.

Disclosure

9. Because, pursuant to Iowa Code § 216.15A(2)(d), the Commission has not determined that disclosure is not necessary to further the purposes of the ICRA relating to unfair or discriminatory practices in housing or real estate, this Agreement is a public record and subject to public disclosure in accordance with Iowa's Public Records Law, Iowa Code Chapter 22. See Iowa Code § 22.13.

Release

10. Complainant hereby waives, releases, and covenants not to sue Respondents with respect to any matters which were, or might have been alleged as charges filed with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, or any other anti-discrimination agency, subject to performance by Respondents of the promises and representations contained herein. Complainant agrees any complaint filed with any other anti-discrimination agency, including the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, which involves the issues in this complaint, shall be closed as Satisfactorily Adjusted.

Fair Housing Training

11. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC and Goodall Properties require training on the requirements of State and Federal Fair Housing Laws for Mike Peters and Matthew _____, and any other employees responsible for handling requests for reasonable accommodations and those responsible for leasing the property located at 4633 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310 within 30 days of their receipt of a Closing Letter from the Commission. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC and Goodall Properties also agree new employees responsible for handling requests for reasonable accommodations and those responsible for leasing the property located at 4633 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310 hired within one year of the date of the Commission's Closing Letter, will receive training on the requirements of State and Federal Fair Housing Laws within 30 days of their date of hire or elected appointment. The training shall be conducted by a qualified person, approved by the Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This includes a HUD produced video titled "The Basics of the Fair Housing Act" which can be accessed via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egXPe7HT7tc>.

Relief for Complainant

- 12. Respondents agree to immediately terminate Complainant’s current lease. Complainant fully vacated the unit on July 24, 2021.

Respondents agree to waive any past, present, future fees associated with Complainant’s lease or tenancy.

Respondents agree to pay Complainant the \$1,300.00 within 7 (seven) days of the date of the Commission’s Closure Letter, for purposes of her legal representation in this matter. The funds will be paid by certified or cashier’s check to Ramsey Law P.L.C Trust Account.

Respondents agree to pay Complainant \$950.00 within 7 (seven) days of the date of the Commission’s Closure Letter. The funds shall be paid directly to Complainant by certified or cashier’s check.

Reporting and Record-Keeping

- 13. Respondents 2D Properties, LLC and Goodall Properties, LLC shall forward to the Commission objective evidence of the successful completion of fair housing training in the form of a Certificate or a letter from the entity conducting the training or signed sworn statement from Respondent stating the time and location of their training and the entity that conducted the training, as evidence of compliance with Term 11 of this Agreement within ten (10) days of the completion of the training.

All required documentation of compliance must be submitted via email or U.S. Mail to:

Amy Quail
Iowa Civil Rights Commission
Grimes State Office Building
400 East 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Amy.quail@iowa.gov
Telephone: 515-725-1082

2D PROPERTIES, LLC, RESPONDENT

Date

GOODALL PROPERTIES, LLC, RESPONDENT

Date

MIKE PETERS, RESPONDENT

Date

MATTHEW _____, RESPONDENT

Date

HEIDI DOUGHMAN, COMPLAINANT

Date

CHARLES A.D. HILL, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Date