

PREDETERMINATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

CP# 10-21-77447
HUD# 07-22-8408-8

PARTIES TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

RESPONDENTS

SOUTHTOWN TERRACE, LLC
3721 SW 61st Street Ste A
Des Moines, IA 50321

CONLIN PROPERTIES, INC.
3721 SW 61st Street Ste A
Des Moines, IA 50321

HEATHER ESKELSON
433 E Phillip Street, # 100
Des Moines, IA 50315

COMPLAINANT

TAMMY HAYES
1424 9th Street, Apt 1
Des Moines, IA 50314

and

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

Description of the Parties: Complainant is a person with a disability. She alleges that Respondent failed to make a reasonable accommodation for her disability. The subject property is a multi-unit apartment complex located at 701 Loomis Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315.

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 Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson 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 Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson acknowledge the ICRA 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).
3. Respondents Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson acknowledge that the Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended, 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 therewith, because of the person's race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, or disability. 42 U.S.C. 3604(b), 3604(f) (2) (§ 804 of the Fair Housing Act).

Voluntary and Full Settlement

4. 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.
4. 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.
6. 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.
7. Respondents Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. Respondents Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson will require training on the requirements of State and Federal Fair Housing Laws for their property managers within 90 days of their receipt of a Closing Letter from the Commission. Respondents Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson also agrees that new employees or agents who are involved in the management or operation of residential properties 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 90 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.

Relief for Complainant

11. Within seven days of the date on the Commission's Closing Letter, Respondents agree to mail Complainant a check for \$800.00 to the address on the first page of this Agreement. Respondents further agree not to pursue payment for any fines or charges previously levied against Complainant.

Reporting and Record-Keeping

12. Respondents Southtown Terrace, LLC, Conlin Properties, Inc., and Heather Eskelson 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 10 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

SOUTHTOWN TERRACE, LLC, RESPONDENT

Date

CONLIN PROPERTIES, INC., RESPONDENT

Date

HEATHER ESKELSEN, RESPONDENT

Date

TAMMY HAYES, COMPLAINANT

Date

STAN THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Date