

City of La Crosse Human Rights Commission Complaint Form

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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (YOURSELF)

Name * Kenzie McCoy
Address * La Crosse, WI 54601
Phone [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

RESPONDENT INFORMATION (PERSON/PERSON(S) YOU FEEL HAVE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST YOU)

Name * Three Rivers Rental LLC
Address * La Crosse, WI
Phone
Email

TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED

Check the appropriate Category, indicate the Address or Location of facility you were denied the equal opportunity to use or enjoy, and the Basis of the alleged discrimination.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they were denied the equal use/enjoyment of a facility **located in the City of La Crosse**.

Category: *

- Housing
- Place of Public Accommodation or Amusement [i.e. restaurant, hotel, retail shop]
- City Facility

Address/Location: * 1009 State Street Apt 3, La Crosse WI 54601

Basis (Check all those you feel may apply):

- Sex
- Race
- Religion
- Age
- Disability
- Marital Status
- Color
- National Origin or Ancestry
- Lawful Source of Income
- Physical Appearance
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity or Expression
- Political Activity
- Familial Status
- Domestic Partnership
- Student

FACTS

To the best of your ability, give a detailed statement regarding the facts giving rise to this Complaint. The statement must include the date or dates of the alleged discrimination. City Ordinance provides that a written Complaint **must be filed within 180 days** after the complainant knew or should reasonably have known

that the alleged act or acts occurred. Additional pages may be attached to this form if necessary.

Statement *

I have an ESA dog with a letter from my doctor. I have struggled with depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation since high school with a few attempts on my own life. I understand some ESAs are given out willy nilly but she saves my life each and every day and I would not be alive without her.

My landlord is trying to charge me \$1,200 (\$700 security deposit +\$500) alleging the there was dog pee. My dog was fully potty trained when I adopted her and has not once peed on the carpet. She refuses to pee without going on a walk and has the bladder of Texas, one time going 26 hours without peeing - not for the lack of being taken out multiple times. This feels like a backdoor way to not only charge me for having a dog, illegal for an ESA, but also have me fund brand new carpets that were not brand new when I moved in. I have photographs of small marks on the carpet before I moved in to prove that it was not brand new when I arrived - not to mention when I moved in I did not have the dog until April of 2021.

She is sending me photos of stains alleging they are pee - some of which clearly line up with the floor of glue stains, others of which could be from spills from either me or others who lived there, given the carpets were not replaced.

She claims that the apartment smelled like dog, which to me says that she would've charged me for simply owning a dog because the apartment is going to smell like a dog if a dog lives there - again, another back door way of illegally charging for an ESA.

Had she not been potty trained and did pee on the floor, I would accept the charges and pay for the damage. However, because there were in fact no damages, it is illegal to charge for wear and tear, including the smell of an ESA.

I attempted to come to a compromise and offered \$200 to cover the smell even though it is not my responsibility given wear and tear. However, she did not accept this and expects me to pay for brand new carpet when the carpet was not brand new when I moved in.

She has replaced the carpet of another resident who owned an ESA and I fear this is her way of taking advantage of those vulnerable and who require such animals in order to fund the reconstruction of her apartments, given I am not the first.