

Agencies Offering Assistance

- ◆ **Virginia Beach City Public Schools**
Equity Affairs
2512 George Mason Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.263.1529
- ◆ **State Council of Higher Education for VA (**
804.225.2600
Schev.edu/students/studentcomplaint.asp
- ◆ **Virginia Beach Hotel Motel Association**
968 S. Oriole Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
757.428.8015
- ◆ **Commonwealth's Attorney - Consumer Affairs**
2425 Nimmo Parkway
Judicial Center, 10B
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385.5836
- ◆ **Virginia Beach Police Department**
Professional Standards Office
2509 Princess Anne Road
Municipal Center, Bldg. 11
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385.4145
- ◆ **Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office**
Professional Standards Office
2501 James Madison Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385.5846
- ◆ **Department of Human Services
Quality Assurance Office**
297 Independence Blvd., Pembroke 6
Suite 208
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
757.437.6210
- ◆ **Mayor's Commission on Aging**
2401 Courthouse Drive, Suite 281
Municipal Center, Bldg. 1
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

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- ◆ **Mayor's Disability Group**
2401 Courthouse Drive, Suite 281
Municipal Center, Bldg. 1
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385-4303
- ◆ **U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**
200 Granby Street, Suite 739
Norfolk, VA 23510
1-800-669-4000 Small Business Travis
Nicholson (704) 954-6425
- ◆ **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development**
600 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
804.771.2100 or 800.842.2610
- ◆ **Virginia Council on Human Rights**
P.O. Box 717
Richmond, VA 23206
804.225.2292
- ◆ **Virginia Department of Professional and
Occupational Regulation, Fair Housing Office**
3600 W. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23230
804.367.8500
- ◆ **Better Business Bureau**
586 Virginian Drive
Norfolk, VA 23505
757.531.1300
- ◆ **Virginia Beach Department of Housing and
Neighborhood Preservation**
Municipal Center, Building 18A
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385.5750
- ◆ **Virginia Fair Housing Office** 804.367.8500
- ◆ **Virginia Fair Housing Board** 804.367.0115
- ◆ **Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia - VB Office**
Pembroke 4, Suite 532
291 Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
757.552.0369

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- ◆ **Virginia Indigent Defense Commission**
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23229
Phone: (804) 662-7249
Fax: (804) 662-7359
- ◆ **Disability Law Center of Virginia**
Mailing Address: 1512 Willow Lawn, Suite 100,
Richmond, VA 23230
800-552-3962 or 804-225-2042 (phone)
804-662-7057 (fax)
info@dLCV.org

City of Virginia Beach

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



HRC Mission

The Commonwealth of Virginia protects individual rights relating to housing, public accommodation, employment, credit and education. In addition, citizens may not be denied rights on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status or disability.

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission (HRC) exists to advocate for the human rights of residents in the City of Virginia Beach.

The objectives of the Commission are:

1. To institute, conduct and engage in educational and informational programs for the promotion of mutual understanding and respect among citizens and the fulfillment of human rights.
2. To serve as a forum for discussion of human rights issues, to conduct studies and to propose solutions for the improvement of human relations in the City.
3. To provide assistance to persons who believe their rights have been violated by identifying the appropriate federal, state or local agency to address the complaint and referring such persons to that agency.

Meeting the Mission

Objective 1: Educational Programming

The HRC provides educational opportunities to residents through the following venues and signature events:

- ◆ **Annual Awards Program** – The community nominates Virginia Beach citizens to receive the annual Human Rights Award. The awards

committee judges the nominees and evaluates them based on their leadership skills, community involvement, interaction with others, initiative, resourcefulness and humanitarianism.

- ◆ **Forums** – The HRC hosts forums on timely topics relevant to a human rights issue. All forums include panel members who have both professional and personal experience with the issues.
- ◆ **Youth Diversity Art & Essay Contests** – The art contest is open to all school-age children attending public, private or home school in Virginia Beach. Contest participants must illustrate their thoughts about diversity and culture according to the selected theme. The essay contest provides an opportunity for middle and high school students to express their own thoughts and ideas about diversity and culture through written essays.

Objective 2: Forum for Discussion

The HRC offers opportunities for individuals to discuss human rights issues and possible ways to strengthen the relationships among the diverse cultures in the City.

Objective 3: Providing Assistance to Those Whose Rights May Have Been Violated

The HRC will provide assistance to anyone who believes that his or her rights were violated. The Commission does not have legal authority to act on the claims. The role of the Commission is to assist the individual by identifying the appropriate agency (at the local, state and/or national levels) that can address their claim.

HRC Meetings

Monthly meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. Please see meeting schedule for location.

Any individual or group can speak before the Commission on human rights issues in the City at a HRC meeting. To do so, persons need to contact the Department of Human Resources no later than five days prior to the meeting. Each person will be given 10 minutes to speak at a meeting.

City of Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission Contact Information

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2424 Courthouse Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

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[hrc@vb.gov.com](mailto:hrc@vb.gov)

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