## STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. HOse08030135 HUD NO. 05-08-0611-8

TASHA PARKER, INDIVIDUALLY and on behalf of her minor children GABRIEL HETTINGER and CHLOE OLIVO;

Complainant,

VS.

JEFFREY La GROU; DONNA La GROU; La GROU RESIDENTIAL LEASING; MEADOW RIDGE APARTMENTS; and La GROU RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, LLC;

Respondents.

### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On September 4, 2008, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Dated: 24 October 2008

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# PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On August 29, 2008, Respondent, Jess Lagrou ("Lagrou"), filed his Notice Of Election ("NOTICE").

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises the undersigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights

Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Complainant, Tasha Parker ("Parker") filed this complaint against Lagrou on March 6, 2008, alleging that Lagrou evicted her from rental housing because of sexual harassment.in violation of the Indiana Fair Housing Act, IC 22-9.5 ("the IFHA"). HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (March 6, 2008).
- 2. Lagrou denied committing unlawful discrimination. ANSWER TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (March 24, 2008).

- 3. On August 4, 2008, the ICRC's Deputy Director issued a Notice Of Finding and a charge, finding reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the IFHA had occurred.

  NOTICE OF FINDING AND ISSUANCE OF CHARGE (August 4, 2008).
- 4. On August 29, 2008, Lagrou filed his Notice Of Election to have this case decided in a state court. NOTICE.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Under the IFHA, a complainant, a respondent, or an aggrieved person may elect to have the claims asserted in a reasonable cause finding decided in a civil action. IC 22-9.5-6-12(a).
- 2. Such an election must be made within 20 days after receipt by the electing party of the reasonable cause finding. IC 22-9.5-6-12(b).
- 3. The election in the NOTICE was filed in a timely manner.
- 4. Housing Rule 7:9(a) of the ICRC provides, in material part, as follows:
  - If ... the respondent ... makes a timely election to have the claims asserted in the charge asserted in a civil action under IC 22-9.5-6-12, the administrative law judge shall dismiss the proceeding. 910 IAC 2-7-9(a).
- 5. This complaint must be dismissed under 910 IAC 2-7-9(a).
- 6. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing specifying with reasonable particularity each basis for each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 7. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

#### **ORDER**

1. Parker's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 04 September 2008

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

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