

Seattle Adds Veterans and Military Status as a Protected Class

In June of this year the Seattle City Council voted to add veterans and military status to the list of groups protected from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Veteran and military status were previously protected groups at the state and federal levels. Honorably discharged veterans and those who have military status (i.e., an active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, Coast Guard, and Armed Forces Reserves) are now protected from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations within the boundaries of Seattle as well.

If you feel you have been discriminated on the basis of your veteran or military status, please call our office at 206-684-4500. All our services are free and confidential.

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