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Sample Policy - Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure

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Sample Complaint Procedure Policy:

Discrimination, including harassment, in the workplace on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or status in any other group protected by law is illegal. If an employee believes that he or she has been subjected to illegal discrimination or harassment related to employment with _____ County, the employee should report the incident promptly to the county official or department head under whose direction the employee works. If the problem is not resolved within a reasonable time, or if for any reason the employee feels uncomfortable reporting the problem to the county official or department head, then the problem should be reported to the county _____. The county _____ may act as a mediator between the affected employee and the county official or department head under whose direction the employee works to assist them in reaching an acceptable resolution of the problem, but the county _____ has no legal authorization to make employment decisions on behalf of the county official or department head. A conclusion by the county that disciplinary action should be taken does not constitute a finding of unlawful discrimination or harassment; in order to further its objective of equal employment opportunities the county may, but shall not be required to, interpret its policy more broadly than federal or state law mandates. No adverse personnel action will be taken against an employee for reporting an incident of discrimination or harassment or for assisting in the investigation of a complaint. However, disciplinary action may be taken against an individual who intentionally and maliciously provides false information in connection with a complaint.

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