161—9.6(216) Discovery methods in cases of alleged discrimination in housing.

9.6(1) When investigating a complaint of alleged discriminatory housing or real estate practices, the commission may, in addition to any other method of investigation authorized by law, obtain discovery by one or more of the following methods: depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents or things or permission to enter upon land or other property, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission.

9.6(2) The rules providing for discovery and inspection in this chapter shall be liberally construed and shall be enforced to provide the commission with access to all relevant facts. Discovery shall be conducted in good faith, and responses to discovery requests, however made, shall fairly address and meet the substance of the request.

9.6(3) Notice of person's rights in the discovery process shall be given to the person from whom discovery is sought. This notice is sufficient if it sets out in brief the person's rights under these rules: to object to the discovery method; to seek a protective order; and to legal counsel.

9.6(4) A rule in this chapter requiring a matter to be under oath may be satisfied by an unsworn written statement in substantially the following form: "I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct.

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Date Signature