

# **City of Bridgeport**

## **Title VI Complaint Procedure**

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by the City of Bridgeport may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the City of Bridgeport Title VI Complaint Form. The complainant has 180 days after the alleged incident to file a complaint. The City of Bridgeport will process complaints that are complete.

A complaint must be filed in writing. If a complainant files a complaint over the phone, it should be reduced to writing and given back to the complainant to be signed by the complainant.

For complaints related to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded programs, the City of Bridgeport will immediately forward the complaint to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT).

Complainants may also file a complaint directly with CTDOT:

Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Office of Contract Compliance  
Attn: Title VI Coordinator  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06111

Complainants may also file a Title VI complaint with the FHWA:

FHWA Office of Civil Rights  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor E81-105  
Washington, DC 20590

### For complaints related to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded programs:

Once the complaint is received, the City of Bridgeport will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office. The City of Bridgeport will notify the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Title VI Coordinator of any Title VI complaints filed, within 10 business days of receipt.

The City of Bridgeport has 90 days to complete its investigation of the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, City of Bridgeport may contact the complainant. The complainant has 10 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 10 business days, the City of Bridgeport can administratively close the case. A case can also be administratively closed if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or any other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 45 days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.