



Dear Affiliate Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Great Falls Association of REALTORS® (GFAR). We are delighted that you have decided to join our Association and take advantage of the networking opportunities membership provides.

The Great Falls Association of REALTORS has over 300 REALTORS® members, plus an additional 20+ Affiliate Members. New member businesses may join as either a Local Affiliate or State & Local Affiliate Member. Included benefits & services are detailed below.

GFAR Local Affiliate Membership - (Pro-rated on month joined)

- Networking opportunities w/300+ REALTOR® members including membership luncheons and socials, weekly Member Networking meetings, social activities, and committee meetings.
- Access to local housing statistics.
- Sponsorship of Continuing Education courses
- Access to REALTOR® roster
- Access to the GFAR website (www.gfar.realtor)

GFAR State & Local Affiliate Membership - (Pro-rated on month joined)

- All Local Member benefits plus,
- Membership in the Montana Association of REALTOR® www.montanarealtors.org
- Collective Legislative and lobbying efforts in Helena
- Access to MAR website and publications

I have included the Affiliate Membership Application Packet. Please complete the packet in full. Once completed, submit the application and payment for the 2021 Membership Fee to the GFAR office to be considered for Membership. Once the Affiliate Membership application has been submitted, the GFAR Board of Directors will review the application for approval. The Board meeting is on the third Wednesday of every month.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Knudsen
Member Services & Communication Director

Affiliate – Additional Office Information

Additional Members

Please provide the names of everyone in your organization that will or may be participating in GFAR meetings, committees and functions. *(All persons will be required to sign a GFAR Antitrust Policy.)*

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Return this document with your application.

This information is needed for official business of GFAR and is not shared or distributed to third parties per the GFAR Privacy Policy.

GREAT FALLS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
Approved – November 19, 2007

ANTITRUST POLICY

Introduction

The Great Falls Association of REALTORS® is a not-for-profit organization. The association is not organized to and may not play any role in the competitive decisions of its members. Rather it serves as a forum for a free and open discussion of diverse opinions without in any way attempting to encourage or sanction any particular business practice.

The Association provides a forum for the exchange of ideas in a variety of settings including its annual meeting, educational programs, committee and business meetings, and the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors recognizes the possibility that the Association and its activities could be viewed by some as an opportunity for anti-competitive conduct. Therefore, this statement supports the policy of competition served by the antitrust laws, and communicates the Association's uncompromising policy to comply strictly in all respects with those laws.

While recognizing the importance of the principle of competition served by the antitrust laws, the Association also recognizes the severity of the potential penalties that might be imposed on not only the Association, but its members as well in the event that certain conduct is found to violate the antitrust laws. Should the Association or its members be involved in any violation of federal/state antitrust laws, such violation can involve both civil and criminal penalties that may include imprisonment for up to 3 years as well as fines up to \$350,000 for individuals and up to \$10,000,000 for the Association plus attorney fees; in addition, damage claims awarded to private parties in a civil suit are tripled for antitrust violations. Given the severity of such penalties, the Board intends to take all necessary and proper measures to ensure that violations of the antitrust laws do not occur.

Policy

To ensure that the Association and its members comply with antitrust laws, the following principles will be observed:

- The Association or any committee, subcommittee, or Presidential Advisory Group shall not be used for the purpose of bringing or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied, among two or more members or other competitors with regard to prices or terms and conditions of contracts for services or products. Therefore, discussions and exchanges of information about such topics will not be permitted at Association meetings or other activities.
- There will be no discussions discouraging or withholding patronage or services from, or encouraging exclusive dealings with any supplier or purchaser or group of potential competitors, or any private or governmental entity.
- There will be no discussions about allocating or dividing geographic or service markets or customers.
- There will be no discussions about restricting, limiting, prohibiting, or sanctioning advertising or solicitation that is not false, misleading, deceptive, or directly competitive with Association products or services.
- There will be no discussions about discouraging entry into, or any competition in any segment of the marketplace.

- There will be no discussions about whether the practices of a member, actual or potential competitor, or other person are unethical or anticompetitive, unless the discussions or complaints follow the prescribed due process provisions of the Association's bylaws.
- Certain activities of the Association and its members are deemed protected from antitrust laws under the First Amendment right to petition government. The antitrust exemption for these activities, referred to as the Noerr-Pennington Doctrine, protects ethical and proper actions or discussions by members designed to influence: 1) legislation at the national, state, or local level; 2) regulatory or policy-making activities (as opposed to commercial activities) of a governmental body; or 3) decisions of judicial bodies. However, the exemption does not protect actions designed to cover up anticompetitive conduct.
- Speakers at committee, subcommittee, Presidential Advisory Group or business meetings of the Association shall be informed that they must comply with the Association's antitrust policy in the preparation and presentation of their remarks.
- Meetings will follow a written agenda. Minutes will be prepared after the meeting to provide a concise summary of important matters discussed and actions taken or conclusions reached.

At informal discussions at the site of any Association meeting all participants are expected to observe the same standards or personal conduct as are required of the Association in its compliance.

It is recommended that Association volunteers read, date, and retain a copy of this statement for their personal files.

(11-19-07)

Signature

Date

Print Name