

# AG: Wythe Settles Housing Complaint

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Virginia's attorney general says Wythe County officials have agreed to drop efforts to block a group home for mentally disabled children.

Attorney General Bill Mims said Thursday that the county's Board of Supervisors settled a complaint brought by the Virginia Fair Housing Board. The housing board intervened after supervisors passed an ordinance derailing plans for a group home for up to eight children.

The state called the county's action discriminatory and said it violated Virginia's fair housing law. Mims says a consent order requires county officials to stop discriminating, publicly apologize and attend training on fair housing policies.

Scot Farthing, an attorney for the county, had no comment on the settlement.