

RESOLUTION 2015-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values and discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the settled policy of the Mayor and City Council to implement programs, within constraints of City's resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, this policy, be, and hereby is, reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista hereby wish all persons living in, working in, or conducting business in or traveling through this city to know that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.

Discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the City of Sierra Vista to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

Within available resources the City of Sierra Vista will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

That it is the policy of the City of Sierra Vista to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources the City of Sierra Vista will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

That the City of Sierra Vista shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the City of Sierra Vista has or shall undertake the following actions to additionally affirmatively further fair housing: Post copies of this Resolution in public places; Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sierra Vista; Post Fair Housing posters to public areas; and, Distribute Fair Housing brochures by placing them in information kiosks within City of Sierra Vista buildings.

SECTION 3

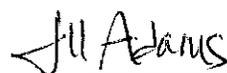
The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 9th DAY OF April 2015.



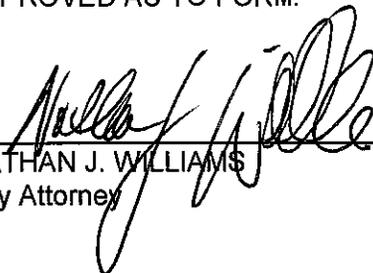
FREDERICK W. MUELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:



JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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