

RESOLUTION 2016-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, THE CITY MAKES 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 on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin when selling, renting, leasing, and financing housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services; 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.

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sierra Vista hereby wish all persons living in, working in, 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 religion is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.

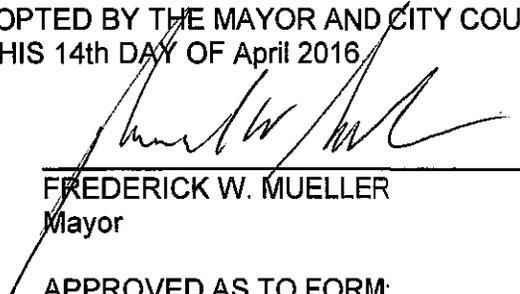
The City of Sierra Vista will, within available resources, assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint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

That 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.

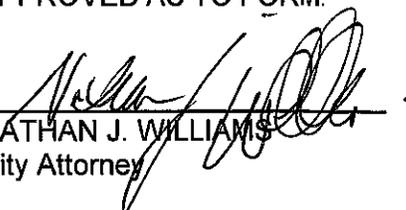
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 14th DAY OF April 2016.

  
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FREDERICK W. MUELLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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JILL ADAMS  
City Clerk

  
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NATHAN J. WILLIAMS  
City Attorney

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