

RESOLUTION NO. 2012

A Resolution of the City of Longview, adopting fair housing policies for the City of Longview, Washington

WHEREAS, discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, or financing of housing or land to be used in the construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran/military status is prohibited by the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Washington Law Against Discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Longview to insure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran/military status; and

WHEREAS, On December 8, 2011, the Longview City Council was presented with an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report presented by the Fair Housing Center of Washington, and passed a motion to create a resolution for Fair Housing Plan, which included a revision of protected classes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Longview as follows:

Section 1. The City of Longview will assist all persons who feel that they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran/military status to seek relief under federal and state laws by providing such persons with information and forms supplied by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order that such person may prepare and file complaints with the Washington State Human Rights Commission or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division.

Section 2. The City of Longview will (1) print and publicize this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; and (2) distribute leaflets and any other documents which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Section 3. In its efforts to insure equal opportunity in housing to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran/military status, the City of Longview shall look for guidance to the City of Longview, Washington 2011 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which was presented to the Longview City Council at its December 8, 2011 regular meeting.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and signature below.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Longview, at its regular meeting on February 23, 2012.

Approved by the Mayor this 23rd day of February, 2012.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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