

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the County of Greene to include Cumberland Township, Franklin Township and Waynesburg Borough that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children under the age of 18), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act). The Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds protections based on age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the County of Greene and others to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the County of Greene and others do hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the County of Greene and others will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Greene and others shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Act and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the equal housing opportunity logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you are a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification and/or have limited English proficiency and require a document translation of any notification, please contact Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services.

Therefore, since all others have approved this resolution at their regularly scheduled public meetings The County of Greene adopts this resolution.

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Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the County of Greene and others held April 4th, 2019.

Signature:



Blair Zimmerman, Chairman, Greene County Commissioner

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Date

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