

RESOLUTION # 2024-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA CERTIFYING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING AND ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING PLAN TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE ACTIONS ARE TAKEN IN ADMINISTERING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS; DEFINING AN ACTION PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville has been awarded funding and may be awarded additional future funding under the Community Development Block Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville has adopted a Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing based on Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex, Familial Status or Disability.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville desires to certify that it will "affirmatively further fair housing" in its community, to ensure compliance under the Town's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville recognizes the need to adopt a plan for implementing actions to "affirmatively further fair housing" in its community under the Community Development Block Grant to ensure compliance and adherence to requirements and standards set for by the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce), Federal Regulations, State Statutes, and State Administrative Rules.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville recognizes the need to update and improve its existing Fair Housing Ordinance to ensure no person is being denied benefit, excluded, or subjected to discrimination under any program funded in whole or in part by Federal funds and to ensure program participation is not to be based on Race, National Origin, Religion, Color, Sex, Age, Disability (mental and physical), or Family Status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA, TO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IT WILL "AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING" IN ITS COMMUNITY AND ADOPT A FAIR HOUSING PLAN FOR USE IN ADMINISTERING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.

The Town of Eatonville does hereby certify that it will "affirmatively further fair housing" in its community. The Town will demonstrate its commitment to affirmatively further fair housing by implementing the actions listed below.

- I. The Town adopted a fair housing ordinance on December 17, 1991, that covers all Federally protected classes (race, color, familial status, handicap, national origin, religion and sex);
- II. The Town shall utilize data from the State of Florida's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to assist with determining the needs of the community and for identifying and making conclusions regarding local impediments to Fair Housing;
- III. The Town has designated the Finance Director as the Fair Housing Coordinator who will be available during regular business hours to receive fair housing calls;
- IV. The Town shall ensure that the fair housing contact person receives fair housing training so that he/she is equipped to properly handle fair housing phone inquiries or refer the inquiries to the appropriate people/agencies.
- V. To ensure that the residents know who to call to ask fair housing questions or register a complaint, the Town will either publish the Fair Housing Coordinator's contact information quarterly in a newspaper of general circulation in Town's jurisdiction or alternatively, will post the coordinator's contact information throughout the quarter on the home page of its website;
- VI. The Town has established a system to record the following for each fair housing call:
 - a. The nature of the call,
 - b. The actions taken in response to the call,
 - c. The results of the actions taken, and
 - d. If the caller was referred to another agency, the results obtained by the referral agency.
- VII. The Town shall make the following contacts available for all persons alleging a violation of Fair Housing laws to file a complaint.
 - i. FloridaCommerce's email address FairHousing@commerce.fl.gov
 - ii. Florida Commission on Human Relations: Phone: 850-488-7082 or Email at fchrinfo@fchr.myflorida.com.
 - iii. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 800-440-8091.
- VIII. The Fair Housing Coordinator shall maintain a record of all fair housing related communication, including inquiries, complaints, whistle blowing and community feedback to empower the Town to better:
 - a. Define where discriminatory practices are occurring,
 - b. Help the Town measure the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, and
 - c. Provide the community with a means to gain information that can be used to design and implement strategies that will eliminate fair housing impediments.The Town shall maintain Fair Housing records and make the same available to the public.
- IX. The Town will display a fair housing poster in the CDBG Office, with the understanding that this does not count as a fair housing activity. The Town shall provide FloridaCommerce with photographs of the Fair Housing poster displayed in the CDBG Program Office no later than 10 days following the end of each quarter.

- X. The Town will conduct at least one fair housing activity each quarter. And will not conduct identical activities in consecutive quarters. Examples of fair housing activities the Town may utilize are: Making fair housing presentations at schools, civic clubs and neighborhood association meetings; conducting a fair housing poster contest or an essay contest; staffing a booth and distributing fair housing materials at libraries, health fairs, community events, yard sales and church festivals; placing fair housing display ads in local newspapers, running fair housing radio and/or television public service announcement spots, mailing out fair housing brochures, and conducting fair housing workshops for Town/county employees, realtors, bank and mortgage company employees, insurance agents and apartment complex owners. The Town understands that printing a fair housing notice on a utility bill or placing fair housing posters in public buildings are not acceptable fair housing activities. The Town shall document its fair housing activities by keeping photographs, newspaper articles, sign-in sheets and copies of handouts in their CDBG project file and include information about the activities in the comment section of each quarterly report. The Town shall provide such documentation of conducting quarterly Fair Housing activities to the FloridaCommerce grant manager within 10 days following the end of the quarter.
- XI. The Town will, on an ongoing basis, review and assess its local land use, zoning, ordinances, resolutions and policies and make reasonable revisions to the same to remove barriers to fair housing.

Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville, Florida at a regular meeting on this 5th day of November, 2024.

Angie Gardner, Mayor
Town of Eatonville, Florida

ATTESTED:

Veronica King, Town Clerk
Town of Eatonville, Florida