

**ADOPT FAIR HOUSING POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968, THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE FAIR HOUSING LAWS: OECD**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

No. 36903

Bradford, Pa. \_\_\_\_\_ September 27, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLVED**, By the City Council of the City of Bradford, that

**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS** of the City of Bradford 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 (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of 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 City of Bradford to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), 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. Additionally, it is illegal to retaliate against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation. Therefore, the City of Bradford does hereby pass the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources the City of Bradford will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), 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 City of Bradford 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 Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act: and

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- (3) Use the fair housing 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 or have Limited English Proficiency and require reasonable accommodation or document translation, please contact the business offices of the City of Bradford Office of Economic and Community Development, 20 Russell Boulevard, Bradford, PA, (814) 368-7170, 1-800-654-5964, [soschman@bradfordpa.org](mailto:soschman@bradfordpa.org) and [bradfordpa.org](http://bradfordpa.org).

By: McDonald / Lopus

Motion for adoption McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> Lopus

Yea 5 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Attest

Passed by the Bradford City Council September 27, 2022



City Administrator



Mayor