



## CITY OF WASILLA

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### **COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 97-21**

From: Duane Dvorak, City Planner 

Date: April 9, 1997

Subject: Fair Housing Resolution required for receipt of \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant.

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Resolution WR97-14 and the accompanying Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing are required to be adopted by the City before the CDBG grant award for Mat-Su Services For Children and Adults can be obtained. These requirements must be met even though the grant is intended for a feasibility study to determine the prospects for employment for severely disabled Valley residents.

Staff notes that the City is required to comply with the Federal Fair Housing Act, whether the two policy statements are adopted or not. The second page Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing does not contain any time frame and is worded as a proposal of what the City "proposes" to do with regard to Fair Housing. Staff has marked the option that seems to best fit the City's capabilities and ongoing operations, given that the City is not actively involved in developing or managing housing. The City is involved with organizations like AHFC for plan reviews and building code issues, WASI for senior housing and other non-profit organizations that are involved with developing housing opportunities for residents of the Greater Wasilla area.

Staff recommends that the Council approve Resolution WR97-14 and the related Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. I would be happy to answer any questions about the CDBG award or Fair Housing Act prior to the regular meeting. I can be reached at 373-9094 during normal office hours.

Staff work to prepare this paperwork and to gather other information required for the receipt of the grant is covered by a 5% administrative fee that was required by the City Council at the time the grant application was approved in October of 1996. The City cannot access the administrative funds however, the requirements for grant receipt have been completed and submitted to DCRA.



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Requested by: Planning Office  
Prepared by: Clerk's Office

**RESOLUTION NO. WR97-14**

**FAIR HOUSING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA, THAT DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILY STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, IS PROHIBITED BY TITLE VIII OF THE 1968 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW) IN THE SALE, RENTAL, LEASING, AND/OR FINANCING OF HOUSING OR LAND TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILY STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, family status, or national origin, to seek equity under Federal and State laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall publicize 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 Law and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

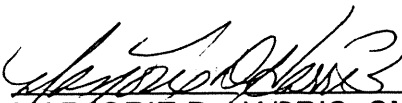
Said program will at a minimum include, but not be limited to:

1. the printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts;
2. distribution and/or display of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity on housing.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
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MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC  
City Clerk

  
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SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

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### ATTACHMENT B-2 PLAN OF PROPOSE ACTION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

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The City of Wasilla, as a recipient of federal grant funds, is adopting and implementing a Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, familiarly known as the Fair Housing Act, prohibited discrimination in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, and national origin. It was amended in 1988 to provide stiffer penalties, establish an administrative enforcement mechanism and expand its coverage to prohibit discrimination on the basis of familial status and handicap. By amending this law, Congress demonstrated a renewed commitment to achieving fair housing.


In addition to prohibiting a wide range of discriminatory practices, the Fair Housing Act requires recipients of federal Community Development Block Grant funds to certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing as a condition of receiving the CDBG fund. The city has done so with the adoption of Resolution No. WR97-14. CDBG Grantee local governments are required to develop proposed actions to affirmatively further fair housing at the local level, for State review and approval. Actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing must further the policies of the Fair Housing Act and include activities to assure nondiscrimination in housing transactions.


In fulfillment of this requirement, the City of Wasilla proposes to:

Work actively with existing State entities (public or private non-profit) whose goal is to further fair housing

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In fulfillment of this requirement, the City/~~Borough~~ of Wasilla proposes to:

- Conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice
- Undertake fair housing enforcement, i.e., complaint processing
- Work actively with existing State entities (public or private nonprofit) whose goal is to further fair housing
- Develop a list of public and private housing accessible to persons with disabilities
- Encourage City/Borough Real Estate licensing agents to adhere to fair housing standards

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Signature of Highest Elected Official

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Date