

RESOLUTION NO. 22-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the discrimination in the sale, lease, advertisement or financing of housing, or in the provision of real estate brokerage services, because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or familial status, is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach finds it is necessary and appropriate to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or familial status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that within the available resources of the City of Panama City Beach, all persons who feel that they have been discriminated against in any housing or real estate purchase, conveyance or transaction because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or familial status, will be assisted to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Atlanta Office of Regional Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution on its website and through this publication the City shall cause owners of real estate, builders, developers, and mortgage lenders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under Federal Fair Housing legislation, and all other applicable state or local laws or ordinances. The appropriate officers of the City are therefore authorized and directed to (1) post this policy and other applicable fair housing information on the City's website, and to distribute it to community organizations, and businesses engaged in the sale, lease, financing, or development of housing; and (2) develop and distribute 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 in housing.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED in regular session this 4th day of July, 2022.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynne Fasone, City Clerk

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