

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, it is this body's firm belief that discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation not only threatens the rights and privileges of the citizens of the community/county but also menaces the institutions and foundations of a free and democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, this body desires to give effect to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect, and understanding among all citizens and groups in the community/county; and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, it is illegal to deny housing to any persons because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City/Town/County of Weston, Wyoming, makes a firm commitment to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

THEREFORE, be it also resolved that the City/Town/County will adhere to the following procedures to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. All and any discrimination complaints will be in writing, signed and addressed to the Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1405 Curtis Street, Executive Towers, Denver, CO 80202.
2. The Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Logo will be displayed in the City/Town/County buildings.
3. The City/Town/County will:
 - a. assist and promote community efforts and responsible local fair housing groups to enact fair housing laws or to promote fair housing within the community;
 - b. encourage local fair housing advocates in developing educational programs to provide fair housing information to the community;
 - c. instruct all department heads regarding the goals and objectives of the Fair Housing Law;
 - d. publish a copy of the adopted Fair Housing Ordinance/Resolution in the local newspaper.

Signed: WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING

BENEFITS TO LOW TO MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES

The City/Town/County of Weston is concerned about the welfare of its low and moderate income citizens. As part of the process of providing for the day to day needs of its citizens that a municipality normally takes, the City/Town/County of _____ will make a special effort to improve the social and economic conditions of its low-moderate income citizens in the following manner:

1. It will continue in its efforts to make application to the Wyoming Economic Development and Stabilization Board and other state and federal agencies for grants to provide direct social and economic relief for low-moderate income citizens. Rather than simply applying for the grants in a haphazard fashion, the community will make every effort to make the applications fundable by assisting the projects with money of its own and by providing adequate administration to insure completion of the project.
2. It will continue to make attempts to obtain funds from the Wyoming Farm Loan Board for mineral royalty and coal tax grants for major public facilities projects that will enable the community to provide infrastructure for growth without burdening the low income residents of the community. It will utilize the program income from the current economic development grant from the State of Wyoming and apply for other funds from other sources when appropriate to provide jobs for the low income citizens of the community.

In addition to the above mentioned efforts to obtain financial aid for its residents, the City/Town/County will assure that no discriminatory practices are allowed in housing or business development that would impede the social or economic welfare of low and moderate income citizens.

CITY/TOWN/COUNTY OF WESTON

POLICY FOR DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS

This policy applies to all activities undertaken through the use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

It will be the policy for the ~~City/Town~~ County of Weston, that whenever the community undertakes a program to construct community facilities, implement a land use or housing plan or allow re-zoning of housing areas, it will do so in a manner which will minimize displacement of individuals or families.

In the event that the project or activity cannot be located in any other area other than the one chosen and it is shown that the project will provide a substantial benefit to the local citizens, displacement of persons will be allowed. When displacement is documented to be necessary, the City/Town/County will follow all federal and state guidelines in providing proper reimbursement to the persons displaced including finding them safe, sanitary and affordable housing.