

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

CITY OF CHECOTAH RESOLUTION # 2011-10-11 (a.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHECOTAH ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTION IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

WHEREAS, The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of its America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the City of Checotah hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through Checotah to know that:

Discrimination in the sale, rental leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the City of Checotah to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin;

And within available resources the City of Checotah will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues of the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or nation origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

And the City of Checotah shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibility and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances and the City of Checotah shall undertake the following actions to additionally affirmatively further fair housing:

Proclaim annually that October is Fair Housing Month. This shall be publicized by placing the proclamation on city utility bills, post copies of this Resolution at City Hall and the City's website.


This Resolution supersedes and replaces all previous City of Checotah Fair Housing Resolutions.

Dated this 11 day of October, 2011.



Marvin Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:



LouAnn Moore, Deputy City Clerk