

**RESOLUTION No. 2011-68
CITY OF SHOREACRES**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AFFECTING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, COMPLAINT PROCEDURES, RECORD KEEPING, TRAINING, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, where people live affects almost every aspect of their lives and determines access to jobs, quality schools, medical care, stores, services, and other opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreacres recognizes the importance of fair housing laws designed to eliminate discrimination and promote integration in housing and eliminate practices that disproportionately harm minorities and protected classes; and,

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in a broad range of housing activities, with an emphasis on fighting discrimination in public housing, discriminatory exclusionary zoning practices and discriminatory mortgage lending practices; and,

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act includes a provision requiring affirmative steps to overcome discrimination, and more specifically to promote residential integration; and,

WHEREAS, the receipt of funding from federal housing programs such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is expressly conditioned on a jurisdiction's certification that it will affirmatively further fair housing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreacres desires to promote non-discrimination, and fair and equal housing opportunities for all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES:

THAT, the City Council hereby adopts these policies which shall be effective in concert with existing and future policies until such time as they may be otherwise expressly modified.

Infrastructure Projects

Publicly accessible infrastructure projects undertaken and/or approved by the City are required to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and address other discrimination issues such as accessibility. Compliance is required for all projects including those using CDBG, disaster recovery funds, as well as non-federal funding sources.

Infrastructure projects such as wastewater pumping stations; solid waste handling or collection points; or other improvements that tend to adversely impact housing shall not be geographically concentrated in a manner that disproportionately impacts protected classes.

Fair Housing Complaints

With guidance provided by TDHCA the City will develop a process and clear procedures for handing fair housing complaints.

Fair Housing Records

The City will keep permanent logs and records of all fair housing inquiries, allegations, complaints and referrals.

Fair Housing Training

The City Administrator is required to obtain Fair Housing training within the first 12 months on the job and to obtain updated training no less than once every five years thereafter. Building Department staff shall be provided with Fair Housing training within the first 12 months on the job and updated training no less than once every two years thereafter. Training is to be provided and/or approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). City staff will be trained to take fair housing questions and complaints and direct them to the City Administrator who is designated to investigate or refer fair housing complaints.

Fair Housing Contact Information

The City will provide on its website contact information for reporting a Fair Housing complaint, at the local, state, and federal levels if citizens believe they were victims of housing discrimination. Documents concerning housing and community development programs that are provided to the public will list fair housing contacts and procedures consistent with that suggested by TDHCA.

Fair Housing Statement

The City will publish a fair housing policy statement consistent with that suggested by TDHCA.



The City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 22nd day of August, 2011.



ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Secretary

CITY OF SHOREACRES

By:

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Dolly Arons, Mayor