



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:**           **Resolution Adopting a Fair Housing Policy** – Approval of Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_, adopting a Fair Housing Policy for the Town of Clarkdale.

**Staff Contact:**           Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

**Meeting Date:**           October 14, 2008

**Background:**           The Town of Clarkdale receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through Arizona Department of Housing every four years. The Town applied for 2006 funds for improvements in the Patio Park neighborhood.

A requirement of CDBG is that the Town passes a Fair Housing resolution every year. This Resolution will amend Resolution 1190 that was passed on May 23, 2006. The Town will post this resolution if approved for 30 days at Town Hall Posting Site and will continue to post a fair housing poster at Town Hall.

**Recommendation:**    To approve Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_, adopting a fair housing policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING AMENDING RESOLUTION #1190.**

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they 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, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this town 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, familiar status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII or the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the Town of Clarkdale 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 Town of Clarkdale will assist all persons who feel that they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

That the Town of Clarkdale shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the Town of Clarkdale shall undertake the following actions to additionally "affirmatively further fair housing."

- Post a copy of this resolution for 30 days at Town Hall
- Continue to post a fair housing poster at Town Hall

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL of the Town of Clarkdale on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk