

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL that the City of Laurel, Mississippi makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. The City of Laurel shall inform all City employees of the City's commitment to fair housing.
2. The City will post this resolution in City buildings and other public places.
3. The City of Laurel shall direct all employees to forward immediately to the Mayor or Board of Aldermen any reports they receive on housing discrimination.
4. The Mayor will be responsible for seeing to/or assisting with the filing of said complaints by filing the complaint through HUD's online complaint service, calling the toll free housing discrimination complaint number, or contacting the State's local HUD office or MDA.
5. The Fair Housing Law poster, which has the "Equal Housing Opportunity" logo, will be displayed at City Hall. (Both English and Spanish Versions)
6. The City will distribute posters, flyers, and other means which will bring to the attention to those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing. Some of the pamphlets to be made available at City Hall and other public places would include, but not be limited to: "Fair Housing-It's the Law" and "Are You a Victim of Housing Discrimination."
7. The City will declare the month of April as Fair Housing Month in recognition of the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. (See attached proclamation, Exhibit A)

Motion was made by Councilperson T. Comegys and seconded by Councilperson S. Comegys for the adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call vote the results were as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, T. Comegys, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted on this the 4th day of December, A. D. 2018.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE:_____

VETOED () DATE:_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
