

Council Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution 2010 - 05

Wells, Minnesota

ADOPTED FAIR HOUSING POLICY

The purpose of this policy statement is to formally declare the conviction and the intention of the City of Wells to achieve the aims of the Fair Housing Act and to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the promotion and assurance of equal opportunity in housing with regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, or public assistance status. For the purposes of this public policy statement, the following definitions will apply.

1. "Discriminatory housing practices" means any act that is unlawful under the Fair Housing Act.
2. "Dwelling" means any building, structure or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families.
3. "Fair Housing Act" means Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 3600-3620).
4. "Familial status" means one or more individuals (who have not attained the age of 18 years) being domiciled with -
 - (a) A parent or another person having legal custody; or
 - (b) The designee of such parent or other person having such custody, with the written permission of such parent or other person.
5. "Handicap" means, with respect to a person, a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits one or more major life activities.

It will be the public policy of the City of Wells to formally support equal opportunity for all residents or persons who wish to become residents of the City of Wells, and to ensure their rights to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing. The City of Wells will not tolerate discriminatory practices within its jurisdiction. The following practices have been declared to be discriminatory and unlawful under the Fair Housing Act:

1. To refuse to sell or rent or to negotiate for the sale or rental of any property based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, familial status, handicap, or in regard to public assistance.
2. Discrimination in terms, conditions, and privileges and in services and facilities.
3. Engage in any conduct that makes dwellings unavailable or denies dwellings to persons.
4. Make, print, or publish or cause to make, print, or publish discriminatory advertisements.
5. To represent that a dwelling unit is not for sale or rent when in fact it is.
6. To engage in blockbusting.
7. To deny access to or membership or participation in, or to discriminate against any person in his or her access to or membership or participation in, any multiple-listing service, real estate broker's association, or other service organization or facility relating to the business of selling or renting a dwelling or in the terms or conditions or membership or participation.

Whenever a complaint alleging a discriminatory housing practice is received within the jurisdiction of the City of Wells, the City of Wells will assist households who may have been discriminated against by providing the following services:

1. The City of Wells will post Fair Housing information in public places and will provide information in the Spanish Language.
2. The City of Wells will provide Fair Housing information (pamphlets) to all interested parties.
3. The City of Wells will provide referral information concerning the ability of alleged discriminated households to make formal complaints to the State of Minnesota Department of Human Rights or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This Fair Housing Policy is formally adopted by the City Council of the City of Wells this 16th day of February , 2010.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member _____ and upon the vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted the City Council of the City of Wells on February ____, 2010

I certify that the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Wells on February ____, 2010.

SIGNED:

WITNESSED:

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

(Title)

(Date)