

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Fair Housing Resolution)
For Small Cities and Counties) Resolution No. 42-2025

Fair Housing Resolution
(For Small Cities and Counties)

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Columbia County that discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of sale, rental or lease, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage or rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. It is the policy of the Columbia County to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (1. children, and 2. actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin.

Therefore, the County does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that within the resources available to the County through city, county, state, federal and community volunteer sources, the County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (children) or national origin in the process of filing a complaint with the Oregon Civil Rights Division or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division, that they may seek equity under federal and state laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause real estate brokers and sellers, private home sellers, rental owners, rental property managers, real estate and rental advertisers, lenders, builders, developers, home buyers and home or apartment renters 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.

THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing law and complaint procedures, will at a minimum include, but not be limited to:

- 1) the printing, publicizing and distribution of this Resolution;
- 2) the distribution of posters, flyers, pamphlets and other applicable Fair Housing information provided by local, state and federal sources, through local media of community contacts; and
- 3) the publicizing of locations where assistance will be provided to those seeking to file a discrimination complaint.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners this 16 day of July, 2025.


Kellie Jo Smith, Chair of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Date 07/16/25

ATTEST:


Date 7/16/2025