

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Resolution            )  
Supporting the Fair Housing            )  
Program                                        )                       RESOLUTION NO. 4-2009

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Ordinance No. 91-1, the "Columbia County Fair Housing Ordinance", on February 6, 1991, and readopted it on May 5, 1993, pursuant to Ordinance No. 93-6; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Columbia County, originally adopted Resolution No. 53-2002 on August 14, 2002; and

WHEREAS, due to the requirements of certain federal regulations, it is necessary from time to time to re-affirm Columbia County's commitment to the public policy of providing fair housing and prohibiting unlawful discriminatory practices in housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1) 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, rental services because of race, color, 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 (children) or national origin.
- 2) 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 or 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.
- 3) The County 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.

- 4) THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM, for the purpose of informing those affected of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning Fair Housing law and compliant 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. For information, please contact Community Action Team, 125 N 17th St., St. Helens, OR 97051 or call (503) 397-3511.

Dated and effective this 21st day of January, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 

Office of County Counsel