

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 14, 2007
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Bethany Beck
CC: Jerry Owen, Community Development Director
Kevin Krogulski, Grants Coordinator
Heather Patel, CAAG
SUBJECT: Fair Housing Resolution

PURPOSE:

To adopt a resolution that expresses the Town's commitment to the principle of fair housing. As per the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Town is required to adopt an annual resolution or proclamation to affirmatively further fair housing as part of our Community Development Block Grant funding. As in the past, Council action is being requested in April as part of Fair Housing Month.

In addition to the resolution, the Town will promote Fair Housing Month with press releases to local print and broadcast media, the display of posters and a notice on the Town of Payson website.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2264

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING, AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT WILL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That all persons living, working, doing business in, or traveling through the Town of Payson know that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or discrimination in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the Town of Payson 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 that the Town 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this ____ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney

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