

City of Blaine
Request for Council Action
Meeting Date: September 23, 2019

Subject: Resolution 1774-19, Amending Resolution 979, Fair Housing

Department: City Manager

Prepared By: _____
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Agenda Location: Consent Agenda Council Action Unfinished Business

Attachments:

1. Resolution 1774-19, Fair Housing
 2. Resolution 979, Fair Housing
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Background/Summary: In 1992, City Council passed resolution 979, Fair Housing. The amended resolution 1774-19 continues to support the Federal Fair Housing Act (FFHA), and provides for the public to access the FFHA and contact information on the city's website.

Resolution 1774-19 clarifies the role the City plays in the Fair Housing Act.

Budget Implications: Current Budget New Budget Request Non-Budgetary

There are no budget implications with passing Resolution 1774-19.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Resolution 1774-19, Amending Resolution 979, Fair Housing.

Reviewed By:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
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RESOLUTION NO. 1774-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BLAINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION 979,
FAIR HOUSING.**

WHEREAS, Resolution 979 was passed June 22, 1992, Fair Housing stating the City's support for the Fair Housing Act and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine City Council desires to re-affirm its committed support for the Federal Fair Housing Act within the City of Blaine by amending Resolution 979 to state the City's anti-discrimination policy, support for equal opportunity, and direct the maintenance of contact information on the City's website related to the Washington Human Rights commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, amends Resolution in its entirety as follows:

Section 1. The City re-affirms its position against discrimination in all forms in regard to the sale, rental, 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, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status is prohibited by the Federal Fair Housing Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

Section 2. It is the policy of the City of Blaine to support equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status.

Section 3. In order to assist persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status, the City shall maintain on its website contact information for the Washington Human Rights commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, on the 23rd day of September, 2019, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 979

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Blaine that discrimination in the sale, rental, 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, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status is prohibited by Federal Fair Housing Act. It is the policy of the City of Blaine to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color religion, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status to seek equity under Federal and State laws by filing a complaint with the Washington Human Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division.

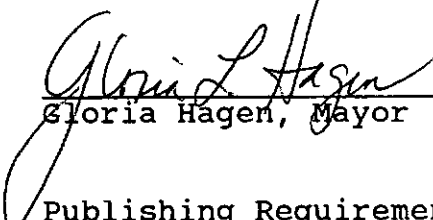
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and any applicable State or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.


EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Resolution shall take effect

June 22, 1992


Gloria Hagen, Mayor

Attest


City Clerk

Publishing Requirement: July 1, 1992 Record-Journal