

ORDINANCE 2001 - 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 87-38, WHICH ESTABLISHED A POLICY IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING BASED UPON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY, SEX, AND PLACE OF BIRTH; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION I, DECLARATION OF POLICY; SECTION IV, DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING; SECTION V, DISCRIMINATION IN THE FINANCING OF HOUSING; AND SECTION VI, DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROVISION OF BROKERAGE SERVICE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found it necessary to amend Ordinance No. 87-38.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDAINED this 23rd day of April, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance No. 87-38 shall be amended as follows:

1. SECTION I - DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared to be the policy of Nassau County, Florida, in the exercise of its police power for the public safety, public health, and general welfare, to assure equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, ~~physical~~ handicap, or national origin, ~~and to that end, to eliminate discrimination in housing.~~

2. SECTION IV - DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING

As made applicable by Section 3 and except as exempted by Section 3(A) and 7, it shall be unlawful:

A. To refuse to sell or rent after making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin.

B. To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin.

C. To make, print, or public, or cause to be made, printed, or published, any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitations, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, elimination, or discrimination.

D. For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representatives

regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin.

3. SECTION V - DISCRIMINATION IN THE FINANCING OF HOUSING

It shall be unlawful for any bank, building and loan association, insurance company or other corporation, association, firm or enterprise whose business consists in whole or in part in the making of commercial real estate loans, to deny a loan or other financial assistance to a person applying therefore for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a dwelling, or to discriminate against him in the fixing of the amount, interest rate, duration, or other terms or conditions of such loan or other financial assistance, because of the race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin of such person or of any person associated with him in connection with such loans or other financial assistance, or of the present or prospective owners, lessees, tenants, or occupants of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which such loan or other financial assistance is to be made or given:

PROVIDED, that nothing contained in this Section shall impair the scope or effectiveness of the expectations, contained in Section 3.

4. SECTION VI - DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROVISION OF BROKERAGE SERVICE

It shall be unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multi-listing service, real estate brokers organization or other services, organizations, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation on account of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, familial status, place of birth, handicap, or national origin.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE - This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



MARIANNE MARSHALL  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney



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