

**RESOLUTION No. 18-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COOLIDGE, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL 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 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, family status or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

**WHEREAS**, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coolidge hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through the City of Coolidge that:

discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or 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 City of Coolidge to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, family status or national origin; and

within available resources the City of Coolidge will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis race, color, religion, sex, disability, family status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

that the City of Coolidge 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; and

that the City of Coolidge shall undertake the following actions to additionally "affirmatively further fair housing:"

mail copies of this Resolution along with a copy of the brochure “Fair Housing Equal Opportunity for All It’s Not An Option...It’s the Law” to:

- the real estate community,
- developers,
- builders, and
- the local media; and
- post copies of this resolution at the City Library, City Hall, City Council Chambers.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018

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Jon Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Norma Ortiz, City Clerk

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Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney