

TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD FAIR HOUSING NOTICE

The Town of Mount Gilead has received CDBG funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the rehabilitation or replacement of substandard housing units.

One of the conditions of the town's grant agreement with the state is that the town takes steps to affirmatively further fair housing. The town has adopted a Fair Housing Policy and has distributed information about fair housing to the local library, and to banks, lenders, and realtors in the area.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discriminatory housing practices on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. The law governs rental property and sales transactions, and applies to individuals as well as lending institutions.

In 1988, Congress passed the Fair Housing Amendments Act. This law expanded "discriminatory housing practice" to include discrimination against families with young children and the handicapped. Additionally, the new law strengthens the enforcement process and makes it easier for complaints to be reviewed at the local and state level.

North Carolina has adopted a state Fair Housing Act which reflects the federal laws described above, and which also makes it easier for individuals in municipalities like Mount Gilead to file complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices.

The town's Fair Housing Policy establishes a procedure for handling complaints concerning housing discrimination at the local level. If any citizen of the town experiences discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, familial status, or national origin, they may contact Town Manager Katrina Y. Tatum at (910) 439-5111. The town does not have a TDD number; however, any individual wishing such assistance may dial 7-1-1 to reach the North Carolina Telecommunications Relay Service (Relay North Carolina). Complaints will be reviewed and forwarded to the North Carolina Human Relations Commission in Raleigh for further review and conciliation.

Complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices can also be forwarded directly to the NC Human Relations Commission, 1318 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; (919) 807-4420; (866) 324-7474; or Relay North Carolina (800) 735-2962 (TTD/TTY) and (877) 735-8200 (Voice).