

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

Office of the Board of Selectmen

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Town of Old Saybrook **Fair Housing Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Town of Old Saybrook to promote fair housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities.

Programs funded and administered by this Town of Old Saybrook must comply with the provisions of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S., and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

The Town of Old Saybrook or any of sub-recipient of the Town of Old Saybrook will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenants of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town of Old Saybrook.

The municipality's First Selectman's Office is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The First Selectman, Carl P. Fortuna, Jr. may be reached at 860-395-3123 or cfortuna@town.old-saybrook.ct.us.

Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Old Saybrook may be filed with the First Selectman's Office. municipality's Grievance Procedure will be utilized in these cases.

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone (860) 541-3403.

A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Town of Old Saybrook employees and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout the Town of Old Saybrook.

Revised:

 $\frac{4 - 10 - 12}{\text{Date}}$

Mr. Carl P. Fortuna, Jr.

First Selectman

THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE by contacting Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475, Telephone (860)395-3123



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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

Whereas,

All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas,

Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices

regarding housing location; and

Whereas,

Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing

location; and

Whereas,

The Town of Old Saybrook is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED,

That the Town of Old Saybrook hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the chief executive officer of the Town of Old Saybrook or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Old Saybrook and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

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Mr. Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman



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Town of Old Saybrook Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

The Town of Old Saybrook does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The Town of Old Saybrook seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that No person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs covered by the Regulations.

This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town of Old Saybrook's Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town of Old Saybrook, as the recipient, and by sub-recipients. The cooperation of all personnel is required.

Mr. Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman

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