RESOLUTION
FAIR HOUSING
No. 24 - 02

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of St. Marys 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 because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of St. Marys to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the City of St. Marys does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of St. Marys will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of St. Marys shall make publically known 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 Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to: (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
   a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
   b. Applications for assistance
   c. Contracts
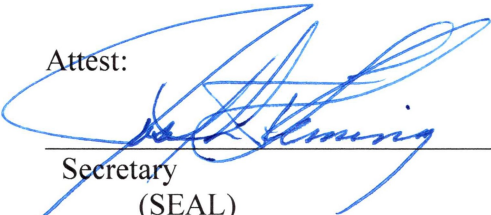   d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

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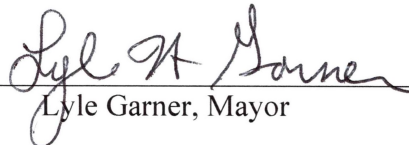
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I, JOSEPH T. FLEMING, duly qualified Secretary of the City of St. Marys, Elk County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the St. Marys City Council at a regular meeting held January 15, 2024 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of St. Marys and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of St. Marys, this 15th day of January, **2024**.

By: _____
Lyle Garner, Mayor

Attest: _____
Secretary
(SEAL)

EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY