

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April 2007 marks the 39th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed.

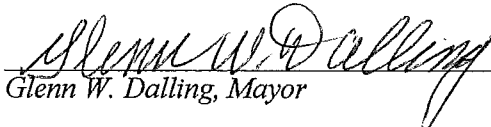
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor of the City of Sugar City, Madison County, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2007 to be

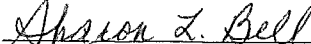
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Sugar City, Madison County, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the City of Sugar City, Madison County, State of Idaho, on this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord 2007.

ATTEST:


Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor


Sharon L. Bell, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Fair Housing Resolution No. 2007-1

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Sugar City that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of the City of Sugar City to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this policy through local media and community contacts; 2) distributing posters and flyers to community contacts to educate the public of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and 3) preparing a fair housing outreach plan to identify local landlords, realtors, banks and lending institutions, to review zoning ordinances for fair housing compliance, to identify the building code applicable to the jurisdiction and to inform the community who is responsible for enforcing the jurisdiction's building code; and 4) declaring April as Fair Housing month.

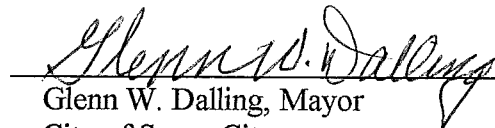
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect April 26, 2007.

Attest:



 Sharon L. Bell, City Clerk



 Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor
 City of Sugar City

(Seal)

**Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
Citizen Participation Plan**

City of Sugar City

Pursuant to citizen participation requirements for Idaho Community Block Grant participants, the City of Sugar City hereby certifies the following activities will be completed:

Provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly for low and moderate-income persons who reside in slum or blighted areas and areas in which ICDBG funds are proposed to be used. Provide technical assistance to groups representative of low and moderate-income persons that request assistance in developing proposals in accordance with procedures developed by the department. Such assistance need not include providing funds to such groups.

Hold a minimum of two public hearings, each at a different stage of the program, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views. The first public hearing shall include a description of the proposed project, scope of work, budget, schedule, location, and beneficiaries. Any earned program income must also be noted. The application, related documents, and the Application Handbook shall be available for citizens to review.

The second public hearing on the status of funded activities and accomplishments to date; a general description of remaining work and a general description of changes made to the ICDBG project scope of work, budget, schedule, location or beneficiaries.

A public hearing shall also be held in the event ICDBG project activities are added, deleted or substantially changed from the application. Substantially changed means changes made in terms or purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries as defined by the ICDBG program.

Provide reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records pertaining to the local government's proposed and actual use of ICDBG funds. Public hearings shall be conducted at times and locations convenient to local citizens.

Public hearings shall be advertised in a local newspaper no less than seven (7) twenty-four (24) hour days prior to the hearing date. If there is no local newspaper, public notification will occur through some other method where there is wide distribution to citizens within the project area. The Community Development staff must approve this method.

A copy of the publication and/or affidavit of publication shall be submitted to the department. The notice should identify all of the topics to be addressed in the public hearing including the assurances that hearings shall be held in facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities and that alternative formats shall be available to persons with disabilities where practicable, and with advance notice to the unit of local government.

Citizens shall also be notified they will be given the opportunity to comment orally or in writing at a minimum of five days prior to and at the hearing. Special accommodations shall be available for persons with disabilities who may wish to comment within this period.

Public hearings shall be conducted in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be expected to participate.

Local citizen participation records which shall be made available to the state and local citizens shall include: A copy of the public notice and/or affidavit of publication which describes proposed or actual project activities, scope of work, location, budget, schedule, objectives, and beneficiaries. Notices shall also contain the accessibility clause for persons with disabilities.

Grantees must provide the address, telephone number, and times for submitting complaints and grievances, and provide timely written answers to written complaints and grievances within fifteen (15) working days where practicable.

Local staff shall be familiar with citizen's complaint procedures. These procedures shall provide local citizens with the opportunity to protest project activities or related issues. A written complaint or grievance is formal notification of a concern, allegation or protest to a proper authority. A formal complaint will be considered filed at the time it is delivered to the appropriate authority's office. To file a complaint, citizens must provide enough information to allow an investigation. The complaint should be clear and concise and include the following information:

- A. Identification of the project, project location, and program activities.
- B. Reason for the complaint (hearsay and innuendo will not be considered valid).
- C. Sufficient data to substantiate any claims or charges. If possible, supporting documentation should be included.
- D. If desired, citizens may propose a solution to the problem.

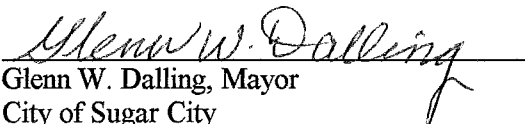
If the complaint is concerning local activities or project implementation, complaints and grievances shall first be filed with the appropriate elected official. If this is the case, grantees shall be required to notify the department of the complaint. A copy of the response shall also be submitted to the department. Every attempt must be made to respond to citizens within fifteen (15) days where practicable.

If a citizen feels the response from the local jurisdiction is unsatisfactory, he or she may appeal to the department for resolution. The department at that time may request additional information. Every effort will be made by the department to provide a full response within thirty (30) days.

If valid and sufficient data has been provided to substantiate the complaint, an investigation will be conducted. The extent of an investigation depends on the scope and depth of the issues involved.

If the complaint is more appropriately directed toward the ICDBG program activities, the same procedure will be followed except all communications are between the state and the complainant.

This plan shall become effective April 26, 2007.


Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor
City of Sugar City