

BEAUFORT COUNTY  
FY2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

FAIR HOUSING POLICY

WHEREAS, Beaufort County desires that the citizens of the county be afforded the opportunity to attain the national objective of a decent, safe and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County deplores discrimination in the provision of housing on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, sex, national origin, young children in a family, or handicapping conditions; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County desires that every citizen be afforded the opportunity to select a home of his or her choice; and

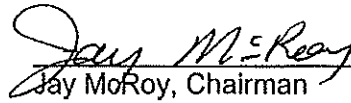
WHEREAS, Beaufort County wishes to ensure that programs and activities undertaken by the county relating to housing and urban development be administered in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing as required by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; 24 CFR 107, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity in Housing under Executive Order 11063; and the North Carolina State Fair Housing Act, NCGS, Chapter 41A;

NOW, THEREFORE, to accomplish the above, Beaufort County does adopt the following procedures for receiving and resolving housing discrimination complaints:

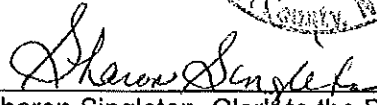
1. Any person or persons wishing to file a complaint of housing discrimination in Beaufort County may do so by informing the Beaufort County Manager at (252) 946-0079, or N.C. Human Relations Commission (919) 733-7996, TDD# (919) 733-7996 (or Relay North Carolina TT# 1-800-735-2962) of the facts and circumstances of the alleged discriminatory act or practice;
2. Upon receiving a housing discrimination complaint, the Beaufort County Manager shall inform the North Carolina Human Relations Commission about the complaint within ten (10) calendar days. The county shall then assist the Commission and the complainant in filing an official written housing discrimination complaint with the Commission, pursuant to the State Fair Housing Act and Title VIII.
3. Beaufort County shall offer assistance to the Commission in the investigation and conciliation of all housing discrimination complaints which are based upon events occurring in the county.
4. The Beaufort County Manager shall publicize within the county that he is the local official to contact with housing discrimination complaints.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2009.



  
Jay McRoy, Chairman  
Beaufort County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Singleton, Clerk to the Board (SEAL)

## BEAUFORT COUNTY FAIR HOUSING

Beaufort County has received CDBG funds from the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance for the rehabilitation or clearance/replacement of several substandard housing units.

One of the conditions of the county's grant agreement with the state is that the county take steps to affirmatively further fair housing. The county has adopted a Fair Housing Policy and has also distributed information about fair housing to banks 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 makes it easier for complaints to be reviewed at the local and state level and strengthens the enforcement process.

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 small municipalities to file complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices.

Beaufort County's Fair Housing Policy establishes a procedure for handling complaints concerning housing discrimination at the local level. If any citizen of the county experiences discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin, they may contact the Beaufort County Manager, Paul Spruill at (252) 946-0079, or NC Human Relations Commission (919) 733-7996, TDD# (919) 733-7996 (or Relay North Carolina TT#1-800-735-2962).

Complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices can also be forwarded directly to the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.