

## **SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the Shepherdstown Town Council desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in Town; and

Whereas, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and,

Whereas, under the West Virginia State Fair Housing Law, § 5-11A-1, et seq., Code of West Virginia, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental handicap or national origin;

Therefore, be it resolved the Shepherdstown Town Council makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.

Therefore, be it also resolved that a Fair Housing Law poster, which has the "Equal Housing Opportunity" logo, will be displayed at Town Hall;

Therefore, be it also resolved that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. The Town Council shall inform all Town employees of the Town's commitment to fair housing;
2. The Town Council will post this resolution and attached Fair Housing Law poster in Town buildings and other public places and publicize it;
3. The Town Council shall direct all employees to forward immediately to the Mayor any reports they receive of housing discrimination;
4. The Mayor shall forward such complaints to the West Virginia Human Rights Commission, 1321 Plaza East, Room 108A, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301-1400, within 10 days of receipt of said complaint;
5. The Town Council will commit to working with community partners to continue to enhance the education of fair housing laws;
6. The Town Council, through its committees, will hold at least one annual public hearing on fair housing laws and fair housing issues.

For and on behalf of the Council:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Arthur J. Auxer, III - Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_