

## HOP BOTTOM BOROUGH FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the Borough of Hop Bottom, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, prohibiting discrimination in the advertising, rental or sale of housing and setting forth other provisions to insure equal housing opportunities to all residents and potential residents of the Borough. This Ordinance shall be known as the Hop Bottom Fair Housing Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Hop Bottom as follows:

I. No person, firm, corporation, partnership or other entity which receives or expects to receive pecuniary gain from the advertising, rental or sale of real property within the Borough of Hop Bottom shall:

(a) Influence or attempt to influence any other person who purports or represents himself to be a prospective purchaser, occupant or tenant of real property to refrain from purchasing or renting real property by referring to race, color, religion or national origin of occupants or prospective occupants of other real property in the neighborhood.

(b) Influence or attempt to influence, by any words, acts or failure to act, any person who purports or represents himself to be a prospective seller, purchaser, occupant, landlord or tenant of real property, in connection with the sale or rental of real property, so as to promote or tend to promote the continuance or maintenance of racially segregated housing or so as to retard, obstruct or discourage tenance of racially segregated housing or so as to retard, obstruct or discourage racially integrated housing on or in any street, block or neighborhood.

(c) Discriminate against any person who purports or represents himself to be a prospective seller, purchaser, occupant, landlord or tenant of real property by any influence, suggestion, act or failure to act, or accord any differential treatment among such persons, in connection with the sale or rental of real property or in the furnishing of information, services, or facilities relative thereto, because of race, color, religion or national origin of any person.

II. There is hereby created a Hop Bottom Borough Equal Housing Opportunity Committee consisting of:

(a) One member of the Hop Bottom Borough Council, to be chosen by the Council.

(b) One designee of a local community service organization to be chosen by the membership or Board of Directors.

(c) One real estate broker doing business in the Borough of Hop Bottom.

(d) One low or moderate income resident.

All members of said Committee shall serve for the balance of the calendar year and be appointed thereafter for one-year terms on a calendar year basis.

III. The Hop Bottom Borough Equal Housing Opportunity Committee shall:

(a) Provide a means of communication and exchange of information between real estate brokers and salesmen doing business in Hop Bottom Borough, officials of the Borough and community organizations.

(b) By contract or cooperation agreement with local realtors provide a means and program of education as to real estate practice within the Borough and confer and cooperate with real estate brokers and salesmen, public officials and such associations designed to eliminate any unfair, discriminatory or differential practices in connection with the advertising, sale or leasing of real estate. The Council shall be a party to all contracts and agreements.

(c) Make studies, prepare and disseminate educational materials and make recommendations to the Susquehanna County Housing Authority, real estate brokers, Council and other groups as to the methods of eliminating discriminating practices in connection with the advertising, sale or leasing of real estate in the Borough.

(d) Receive, investigate and seek to adjust all complaints of discriminatory practices in connection with the advertising, sale or leasing of real estate, and make recommendations to and assist the Susquehanna County District Attorney in connection with any such violations.

(e) Furnish the Council with an annual report of the Committee's activities, due no later than the 30th of January each year.

IV. The Susquehanna County Housing Authority, an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as the official housing agency of the Borough of Hop Bottom. The Authority's responsibilities insofar as meeting the housing needs of the Borough include:

(a) In conjunction with the Hop Bottom Borough Planning -

Commission, assessing the complete housing needs of the Borough.

(b) Developing plans through rehabilitation of existing housing subsidization of existing housing or erection of new housing to meet the identified housing needs of the Borough. Such plans shall include both private and public section programs.

(c) Insuring that all public housing provided is in conformance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Execution Order 11063.

(d) The Authority shall create and adopt an Equal Housing Opportunity Plan for said purposes. A County wide plan prepared in conjunction with a Section 8 Existing Housing Program may suffice for this requirement. Such Plan is also hereby adopted as the Equal Housing Opportunity Plan for Hop Bottom Borough.

(e) The Council may enter into a contractual agreement with the Authority for purposes of securing cooperation in fulfilling the above requirements.

V. Persons who violate provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to penalties as provided for municipal ordinances under the Penal Borough Code, not to exceed the limits set by such Code.

VI. Enacted into law this 27th day of December, 1982 to be effective immediately.

SEAL

ATTEST

HOP BOTTOM BOROUGH COUNCIL