

**GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Indiana Code 22-9.5-11, et seq., the following provisions are necessary and appropriate to prevent discrimination in the area of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familiar status or national origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Policy Statement

It shall be the policy of the County Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana, to provide, within constitutional limitation, for fair housing throughout its corporate limits as provided for under the federal Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Indiana Code 22-9.5-1 et seq.

Section 2 Definitions

The definitions set forth in this Section shall apply throughout this Ordinance:

- A. Dwelling means any building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one (1) or more families, or any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location of a building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as a residence by one (1) or more families (I.C. 22-9.5-2-8).
- B. Family includes a single individual (I.e. 22-9.5-2-9), with the status of such family being further defined in subsection (H) of this Section. Also, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5, the definition of "family" is revised to include families regardless of the actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status of its member.
- C. Person (IC 22-9.5-2-11), includes one (1) or more individuals, corporations, partnership, associations, labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, non-incorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in cases under Title 11 of the United States Code, receivers, and fiduciaries.
- D. To Rent (I.C.22-9.5-2-13, includes to lease, to sublease, to let and otherwise to grant for a consideration the rights to occupy the premises owned by the occupant.

E. Discriminatory Housing Practice means an act that is unlawful under Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 of this Ordinance or I.e. 22-9.5-5.

- F. Handicap means, with respect to a person:
1. A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities.
 2. A record of having such an impairment, or
 3. Being regarded as having such an impairment,
 4. An impairment described or defined pursuant to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
 5. Any other impairment defined under I.C. 22-9.5-2-10.

The term "Handicap" shall not include current legal use of or addictions to a controlled substance as defined in Section 802 of Title 21 of the United States Code (I.C. 22-99.5-2-10(b); nor does the term "Handicap" include an individual solely because that individual is a transvestite (IC 22-9.5-2-10(c).

- G. An Aggrieved Person includes any person who (I.e. 22-9.5-2-2);
1. Claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice; or
 2. Believes that such person will be injured by a discriminatory housing practice that is about to occur.

H. Familial Status means one or more individuals who have not attained the age of 18 years being domiciled with a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or the written permission of such parent or other person.

The protection afforded against discrimination on the basis of familial status shall apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

- I. Commission (I.C. 22-9.5-2-3) means the Indiana Civil Rights Commission created pursuant to I.e. 22-9-1-4, et Seq.
- J. Complainant (I.C. 22-9.5-2-4) means a person, including the Commission, who files a complaint under I.C. 22-9.5-6.

Section 3 Unlawful Practice

Subject to the provisions of subsection (B) of this Section, Section 9 of this Ordinance and Title 22-9.5-3 of Indiana Code, the prohibitions against discrimination in the sale or rental of housing set forth Title 22-9.5-5-1 of Indiana Code and in Section 4 of this Ordinance shall apply to:

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is hereby certified that this Ordinance Number 2012-10 was passed by the Commissioners of Gibson County, Indiana, at its legally convened meeting on the 7th day of NOVEMBER 2012.



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