

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Lancaster to comply with the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 *et seq.*, by ensuring that housing is available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status (having children under age 18), or sex. This policy means that, among other things, The City of Lancaster and its agents or employees must not discriminate in any aspect of housing, including but not limited to denying persons access to housing, because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status or sex. Such agents and employees may not:

- a. Make unavailable or deny a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status or sex;
- b. Discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex;
- c. Make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice, statement or advertisement, with respect to a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status, or sex, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination; or
- d. Coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his or her having exercised or enjoyed, or on account of his or her having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by the Fair Housing Act.

Any agent or employee who fails to comply with this non-discrimination policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Any action taken by an agent or employee that results in the unequal treatment of citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, familial status or sex, may constitute a violation of state or federal fair housing laws. An individual who believes that he or she is the victim of discrimination may contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-207-945-0467, or the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-800-896-7743.

If there are any questions concerning the Non-Discrimination Policy please contact: Housing Rights Center at 1-800-477-5977 or you may refer to their website: www.hrc-la.org. You may also contact Allison E Burns, Director and Fair Housing Liaison at 661-723-6012.