

Ogden Utah
AAP12 – Amendment #1
Fair Housing – to be included in the HOUSING section

Fair Housing

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice dated July 1, 2010 was submitted to HUD. This is intended to correspond with Ogden City's 5-year Consolidated Planning process. A full Analysis of Impediments will be conducted every five years, along with the Consolidated Plan, and will be reviewed each year in conjunction with Ogden City's Annual Action Plan.

Summary

Although Ogden City is supportive of Fair Housing policies and practices, the need for public education and informational venues will always be present. The common problem that seems to consistently emerge from survey information and public outreach is that although residents may be aware of their rights, and know that discrimination is against the law, they do not know how to file a complaint, who to contact for assistance or are hesitant to pursue their rights under the law.

Although the Ogden City application for Fair Housing Education funding in 2008 was denied, there are still many practices that can continue to be implemented by the city at little or no cost. By partnering with public housing providers and non-profit human service organizations, educational efforts toward Fair Housing awareness will continue to be offered;

- Ogden City will continue to associate with the Utah Apartment Association, Weber County Housing Authority, Ogden Housing Authority and Greater Ogden Area Association of Realtors to promote Fair Housing education among rental property owners, property management companies and real estate professionals.
- Ogden City will continue to provide Good Landlord Training to rental property owners.
- Fair Housing informational brochures will be prominently displayed at city offices.
- The Business Information Center will continue to help low and moderate income persons in protected classes who are seeking assistance in new business start-up ventures.
- Ogden City will continue to require that remodel and construction projects within the city meet applicable International Building Code accessibility requirements.
- Fair Housing practices will continue to be utilized in the marketing of city-owned properties.
- Fair Housing awareness messages will be posted in the At Your Service newsletter that accompanies monthly utility billings throughout the city.
- Fair Housing information and brochures will be included at all public service functions where city staff members conduct citizen outreach activities to promote city programs and projects.

ACTIONS TO ADDRESS IMPEDIMENTS

Impediment #1: Lack of education – (How to file a complaint.) Although Ogden City supports Fair Housing policies and practices, the need for public education and informational venues is present. A common problem that consistently emerged from Fair Housing survey responses (during the 5 Year ConPlan) and public outreach is that residents may be aware of their rights, and know

that discrimination is against the law, they do not know how to file a complaint, who to contact for assistance, or are hesitant to pursue their rights under the law.

Measurable Results:

Disseminate Fair Housing information to the public, facilitate FH training to landlords and Promote FH through marketing.

Impediment #2: Low household incomes impede Fair Housing Choices:

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing identified “income” as a real impediment to fair housing or decent, safe and sanitary housing, in Ogden. Fair Housing Choice is “the ability of persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of similar incomes to have available to them the same housing choices”. Many persons surveyed during the AI process who reported experiencing impediments to Fair Housing also reported as having low incomes.

Measurable Results:

Promote economic development opportunities for citizens and work with non-profit organizations who serve low-mod income residents to improve the financial status of Ogden citizens.

Each year, Ogden City monitors the progress in meeting the above actions and reports results in the CAPER. In addition, the CAPER will include a discussion showing that while the needs of minority and low-income populations correspond, Ogden City does not perpetuate segregation or subject individuals to segregated living or separate treatment.