

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

FAIR HOUSING POLICY

I. AUTHORITY

The Town of Thetford, Vermont, does hereby adopt this Fair Housing Policy required by the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended [42 U.S.C. 5301, et seq], and the provisions of 24 C.F.R., Part 42, and as a condition of receiving funding under the Vermont Community Development Program [hereinafter referred to as the V.C.D.P.]. The policy set forth herein applies to all housing programs, both present and future, funded through the Vermont Community Development Program.

II. POLICY

(A) The Town of Thetford: (1) Will not directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, or religion in the provision of housing and housing-related services funded in whole or in part by the Vermont Community Development Program; (2) Will not select sites or locations of housing and housing-related facilities which have an exclusionary or discriminatory effect; (3) Will take all necessary and appropriate actions to prevent discrimination in housing and housing-related activities. (B) When and if adopting a municipal plan under 24 V.S.A., Chapter 117, the Town of Thetford shall consider the housing needs of the existing and projected population and shall classify suitable land areas for appropriate housing to meet the needs of existing and projected population. Any land use controls adopted to implement the plan under this Chapter shall not have the intent or effect of excluding any type of housing for any group of people.

III. INCONSISTENT POLICIES REPEALED

This Policy shall amend and replace any provisions of any policy of the Town of Thetford in effect at the time of enactment of this Policy governing any activity included in this Policy.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Policy, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Policy or any part thereof. The Select Board hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or ineffective.