



TOWN OF TRURO

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POLICY MEMORANDUM #27

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*This policy was revised at the September 13, 2022 Select Board meeting solely to reflect the titles used in the Town Charter for the Town Manager and Select Board and to modify language to be gender neutral. No changes were made to the content of the Policy at that meeting.

Subject: **FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT**

The Congress of the United States of America has declared a national fair housing policy through Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State equal housing opportunity policy through the Massachusetts Fair Housing Law (MGL Chapter 151B). The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 provides a comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Towns within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are part of a long-standing tradition of equal justice for all persons.

It is hereby resolved that the Town of Truro affirms its commitment to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons. The effects of overt or covert discrimination based on race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, children, ancestry, marital status, source of income, or disability in the sale, rental, or financing of housing have insidious implications for the moral base of any community. In the conduct of all Town programs and activities affecting the housing of Town residents, the policy of the Town shall be to promote equal choice and access to housing for all persons. The Town is committed to preventing discrimination in housing and housing services against individuals residing or wishing to reside within its boundaries.

The Town recognizes that discriminatory practices are detrimental to its citizens and to its future, and will take all necessary action to remedy the effects of discrimination and prevent the continuation of such practices. The Town will aggressively move to counteract any activities that restrict the potential for equal opportunity in housing.

The Town encourages all real estate agents, home builders, land developers, mortgage lenders and landlords to review their operating practices and join the Town in making equal opportunity in housing a reality.

Kristen Reen, Chair

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