

City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO:Eric D. Campbell, City ManagerFROM:Kristin McCombeDATE:05/23/2019RE:Fair Housing

Summary:

This presentation will be made by Michael Wong, Director of HRHA. As required by the Assessment of Fair Housing joint document with Harrisonburg's CDBG program and the HRHA, this presentation is a summary of Fair Housing regulations. This annual obligation serves the purpose of informing city staff, council, HRHA board members, and citizens of basic fair housing regulations and enforcement resources.

Background:

Council approved the joint AFH in 2016. Improved training for staff, council, and board members was one of the goals of this plan. A commitment was made at that time to hold an annual training for these officials and staff.

Key Issues:

Questions or comments on any of the topics raised at this meeting may be addressed to Michael Wong or Kristin McCombe.

Environmental Impact:

None

Fiscal Impact:

None

Prior Actions:

A wide variety of actions have occurred in the last two years in an effort to further fair housing in the city of Harrisonburg. These include updates to the website, the commencement of a down payment assistance program, fair housing training and workshops, assessment of the transit system, the preparation of a Language Assistance Plan, and more.

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Alternatives:

N/A

Community Engagement:

While this particular presentation is primarily intended for city staff and officials, this is helpful information to all citizens.

Recommendation:

N/A

Attachments:

Power Point

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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