

ORDINANCE NO. 383

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2.36.020, 9.48.010, 9.48.040 AND 9.48.070 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.36.020 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The duties of such commission shall be: To carry on a public education program and solicit the cooperation of individuals and organizations within the jurisdiction of the participating local governments in promoting equality and understanding among all citizens; to study and investigate problems which may result in tensions or discrimination because of race, color, religion, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status; to report periodically to the governing bodies of participating local governments on such studies and investigations and to make recommendations for appropriate remedial action when indicated, and the commission hereby created may assist minority members of the community in finding a home of their choice within their ability to pay; and to administer the other provisions of this chapter."

Section 2. Section 9.48.010 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the city in the exercise of its police power for the public safety, public health, and general welfare, for the maintenance of business and good government and for the promotion of the city's trade, commerce and manufacturers, to assure equal opportunity to all persons to live in decent housing facilities regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex or marital status, and to that end to prohibit discrimination in housing by any person, including real estate brokers, real estate salesmen and agents, owners of real property and lending institutions, to forward the cause of

brotherhood, and to secure a reduction of all tensions and discriminations because of race, color, religion, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status."

Section 3. Section 9.48.040 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) No owner, lessee, sublessee, assignee, real estate broker, real estate salesman, managing agent of, or other person having the right to sell, rent, lease, sublease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of a housing accommodation shall refuse to sell, rent, lease, sublease, assign, transfer, or otherwise deny to, or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations, or segregate the use thereof, or represent that such housing accommodations are not available for inspection, when in fact they are so available, or expel or evict an occupant from a housing accommodation because of the race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex or marital status of such person or persons, or discriminate against or segregate any person because of his race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex or marital status, in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale, rental, lease, sublease, assignment, transfer, or other disposition of any such housing accommodations or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith.

(b) A real estate broker, agent, salesman, or employee shall not, because of race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status of an occupant, purchaser, prospective occupant, or prospective purchaser:

(1) Refuse or intentionally fail to list or discriminate in listing a housing accommodation for sale, rent, lease, or sublease;

(2) Refuse or intentionally fail to show to a prospective occupant the housing accommodation listed for sale, rental, lease, or sublease;

(3) Refuse or intentionally fail to accept and/or transmit to an owner any reasonable offer to purchase, lease, rent or sublease a housing accommodation;

(4) Otherwise discriminate against an occupant, prospective occupant, purchaser, or prospective purchaser of a housing accommodation.

(c) No person, bank, banking organization, mortgage company, insurance company, or other financial institution or lender, or any agent or employee thereof, to whom application is made for financial assistance for the purchase, lease, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair, or maintenance

of any housing accommodation shall:

(1) Discriminate against any person or group of persons because of race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status of such person or group of persons or of the prospective occupants or tenants of such real property in the granting, withholding, extending, modifying, or renewing, or in the rates, terms, conditions, or privileges of any such financial assistance or in the extension of services in connection therewith; or

(2) Use any form of application for such financial assistance, or make any record of inquiry in connection with applications for such financial assistance which expresses, directly or indirectly, any limitation, specification, or discrimination, on the ground of race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status.

(d) An owner, person, real estate broker, agent, salesman, employee, or lender shall not:

(1) Require any information, make, or keep any record, or use any form of application containing questions or entries concerning race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status in connection with the sale, rental, lease, or sublease of any housing accommodation;

(2) Publish, circulate, issue, or display, or cause to be published, circulated, issued, or displayed, any communication, notice advertisement, or sign of any kind relating to the sale, rental, lease, sublease, assignment, transfer, or listing of a housing accommodation or accommodations which indicate any preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, ~~or~~ national origin, sex or marital status;

(3) Aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce the doing of any act defined in this chapter as an unfair housing practice; or obstruct or discriminate against a person in any manner because he has complied or proposes to comply with the provisions of this chapter or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under this chapter, or any order issued thereunder, or attempt, either directly or indirectly, to commit any act defined in this chapter to be an unfair housing practice or apply any economic sanctions or deny any membership privileges because of compliance with the provisions of this chapter."

Section 4. Section 9.48.070 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Nothing in this chapter shall:

(1) Apply to the renting, subrenting, leasing or


subleasing of single family dwelling, wherein the owners or persons entitled to possession thereof normally maintain, or intend to maintain, their residences, homes or abodes;

(2) Be interpreted to prohibit any person from making a choice from among prospective purchasers or tenants of property on the basis of factors other than race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex or marital status."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY

this 10th day of July, 1975.

CITY COUNCIL

By 
Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

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