

**TOWN OF ROXBURY RESOLUTION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING  
THROUGHTOUT THE TOWN OF ROXBURY**

On motion of Deanna Osborn second by Michael Hynes the following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Roxbury supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law), the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and the New York State Human Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Roxbury, through adoption of this resolution, hereby revokes all previous resolutions and policies adopted by the Town related to fair housing and replaces same by this Resolution and the accompanying Fair Housing Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Roxbury is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Town of Roxbury to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, creed, age, national origin, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, domestic violence status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, and lawful income or source of lawful rent payment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Roxbury objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, creed, age, national origin, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, domestic violence status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, and lawful income or source of lawful rent payment, as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Roxbury has set a goal to reduce discrimination and complaints of discrimination in rentals, sales and financing of housing accommodations in the Town of Roxbury based on race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, creed, age, national origin, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, domestic violence status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, and lawful income or source of lawful rent payment, as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources, the Town of Roxbury will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing all such persons with the information to assist with filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby appoints the position of Town Supervisor to serve as the Town Fair Housing Officer and the Town Supervisor shall designate an individual to serve as Acting Fair Housing Officer during periods in which the Fair Housing Officer is unable to act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Roxbury hereby adopts the annexed document entitled "Fair Housing Policy" which sets forth specific actions to be taken by the Town to affirmatively further fair housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Roxbury will periodically review the Fair Housing Policy, at least annually and more often as necessary, to determine if amendments are required to ensure that the Town continues to affirmatively further fair housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at future annual organizational meetings of the Town of Roxbury Town Board, the Town Board will include the Fair Housing Policy as an agenda item for discussion and if revision, as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Roxbury shall, in addition to compliance with the policies set forth in the Fair Housing Policy, publicize and promote this resolution by: publishing in the official Town newspaper, posting on the official Town bulletin Board located in Town Hall and posting on the Town's website, and through this publicity, the Town shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and any local laws or ordinances.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

AYES-4        Michael Hynes, Councilman  
                  Deanna Osborn, Councilwoman  
                  Allen Hinkley, Supervisor

NAYS-0

ABSENT-1     Kenneth Davie, Councilman

VACANT - 1

Adopted by the Town of Roxbury Town Board on February 12, 2024  
Diane Pickett, Town Clerk  
Town of Roxbury