

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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TOWN OF BROOKLYN **FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

- Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
- Whereas, Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, be given equal access to all housing related opportunities and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disabilities, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, be given equal access to all housing-related activities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas, The Town of Brooklyn is committed to upholding these laws and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Action Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLED, That the Town of Brooklyn hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing, and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided for by state and federal law; and

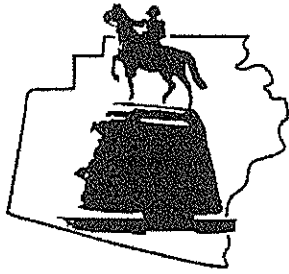
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Brooklyn and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the **TOWN OF BROOKLYN** on

Date

Katherine Bisson, CCTC

TOWN SEAL



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Town of Brooklyn ADA Notice

The Town of Brooklyn does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, or activities. The Town of Brooklyn does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding the ADA may be forwarded to the Town of Brooklyn's designated ADA Compliance Coordinator.

Name: Austin Tanner

Title: First Selectman

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Phone Number: (860) 779-3411

Email Address: a.tanner@brooklynct.org

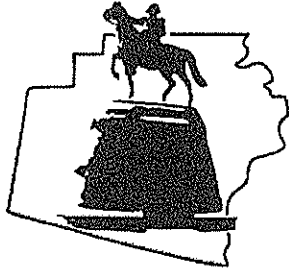
Days/Hours Available: Monday-Wednesday 8am-5pm and Thursday 8am-6pm

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Brooklyn are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

This notice is available upon request in large print, on audio tape, and in Braille, from the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

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COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

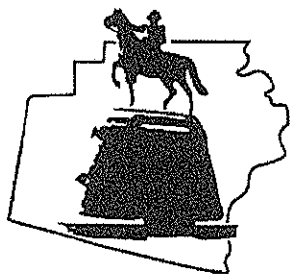
The **Town of Brooklyn** does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The **Town of Brooklyn** seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that NO person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program covered by the Regulations.

The policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town of Brooklyn's Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town of Brooklyn, as the recipient, and by sub recipients. The cooperation of all Town personnel is required.

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TOWN OF BROOKLYN **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT**

As First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn, I recognize the need for Affirmative Action, and I pledge my commitment to undertake positive actions to overcome the present effects of past practices or barriers to equal employment opportunity and to achieve the full and fair participation of minorities, women, people with disabilities, older persons, and all other protected groups found to be underutilized in the Town of Brooklyn's work force or affected by policies having an adverse impact. In the spirit of Executive Order 11, signed by Governor Ella Grasso, November 21, 1975, and Executive Order 9, signed by Governor William A. O'Neill on January 3, 1984, I further state that the Town of Brooklyn will comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of the State and Federal laws and regulations listed at the end of this section.

I recognize the hiring difficulties experienced by minorities, people with disabilities, and by many older persons, and, where appropriate, I have set goals to overcome the present effects of past discrimination, if any, to achieve the full and fair utilization of such persons in the work force. I further pledge that the Town of Brooklyn will affirmatively provide services and programs in a fair and impartial manner.

Where adverse impact is identified, the Town of Brooklyn will: (1) review its personnel policies and procedures to ensure that barriers, which unnecessarily exclude protected classes and practices which have an illegal discriminatory impact, are identified and eliminated; (2) explore alternative approaches to employ minorities and members of protected classes; (3) administer all terms, conditions, privileges, and benefits of the employment process in an equitable manner; and (4) establish procedures for the extra effort that may be necessary to ensure that the recruitment and hiring of protected group members reflect their availability in the job market.

It is the policy of the Town of Brooklyn to provide equal employment opportunities without consideration of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, national origin, genetic information, past/present history of mental disability, ancestry, mental retardation, learning or physical disabilities including but, not limited to blindness, sexual orientation, political belief, or criminal record, unless the provisions of Section 46a-60(b), 46a-80(b), and 46a-81(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes are controlling or there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in one of the above protected groups. This policy applies to all aspects of the employer/employee relationship including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, referrals, classifying, advertising, training, upgrading, promotion, benefits, compensation, discipline, layoff, and terminations.

The Town of Brooklyn will implement, monitor, and enforce this Affirmative Action Policy Statement in conjunction with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders listed below: 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments of the United States Constitution, Civil Rights Act of 1866, 1870, 1871, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Titles VI and VII of the 1964 United States Civil Rights Act, Presidential Executive Orders 11246, amended by 11375, (Nondiscrimination under federal contracts), H.R. 493 (The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, effective November 21, 2009), Act 1 Sections 1 and 20 of the Connecticut Constitution, Governor Grasso's Executive Order Number 11, Governor O'Neill's Executive Order Number 9, the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Law (46a-63-64), Discrimination Against Criminal Offenders (46a-80), Connecticut General Statutes, Connecticut Code of Fair Accommodations Law (46a-63-64), definition of Blind (46a-51(1)), definition of Physically Disabled (46a-51(15)), definition of Mentally Retarded (46a-51(13)), cooperation with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (46a-77), Sexual Harassment (46-60(a)), Connecticut Discrimination Law (36-436 through 439), Title I of the State and the Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992.

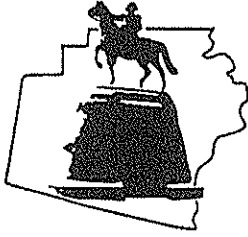
This policy statement will be given annually to all Town of Brooklyn employees and will also be posted throughout the Town of Brooklyn. I also expect each supplier, union, consultant, and other entity (s) with which we do business to comply with all applicable State and Federal Equal Opportunity laws and regulations. The Town of Brooklyn will not knowingly do business with any entity debarred from participation in any federal or state program or found to be in violation of any state or federal anti-discrimination law.

I have assigned the responsibility to achieve a successful implementation of our goals and objectives to Austin Tanner, First Selectman, of the Town of Brooklyn, who can be reached at (860) 779-3411 or a.tanner@brooklynct.org.

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Austin Tanner, First Selectman

THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE FROM THE ADA-504 COORDINATOR BY CALLING 860-779-3411



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ADA MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices and policies or the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Town of Brooklyn.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, and phone number of complainant, and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

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(860) 779-3411
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Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, Austin Tanner will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, Austin Tanner will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of Austin Tanner and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

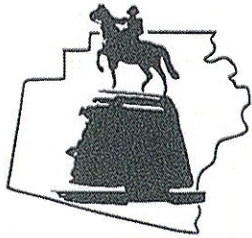
If the response by Austin Tanner does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Board of Selectmen or his or her designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Board of Selectmen or his or her designee will meet the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Board of Selectmen or his or her designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by Town of Brooklyn, appeals to the Board of Selectmen or his or her designee, and responses from the ADA coordinator and the First Selectman or his or her designee will be kept by the Town of Brooklyn for at least 3 years.

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TOWN OF BROOKLYN FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Town of Brooklyn to promote Fair Housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities.

Programs funded and administered by the Town of Brooklyn must comply with the provision of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S., and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

The Town of Brooklyn or any sub recipient of the Town will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenant of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age, or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town of Brooklyn.

The municipality's First Selectman is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The First Selectman, Austin Tanner, may be reached at (860) 779-3411 or a.tanner@brooklynct.org.

Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Brooklyn may be filed with the First Selectman's Office. The municipality's Grievance Procedure will be utilized in these cases.

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone 860-541-3403 within 180 days of the alleged violation by submitting a notarized complaint and/or the Boston regional Office of FHEO, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Room 321, Boston, MA 02222-1092, Telephone (617) 994-8300 or 1-800-827-5005, TTY (617) 565-5453. A complaint may be filed with HUD within one year after an alleged violation. Additionally, an individual may file suit at his/her expense in Federal District Court or State Court within two years of an alleged violation. If the individual cannot afford an attorney, the Court may appoint one. A suit can be brought even after filing a complaint if the complaining party has not signed a conciliation agreement, and an Administrative Law Judge has not started a hearing. A court may award actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs.

A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Town of Brooklyn's employees, and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout the Town of Brooklyn.

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THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE BY CONTACTING THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE, 4 WOLF DEN ROAD, P.O. BOX 356, BROOKLYN, CT 06234, (860) 779-3411.