



# FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

## TOWN OF COVENTRY

The Town of Coventry recognizes that there is potential for prejudice in the sale, rental, or financing of housing. Such discrimination, whether implied or direct, can be based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, handicap, sex/gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status or number of children. The Town acknowledges that any discrimination has negative implications for the character and future growth of the community.

Title VIII of Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 are national policies for providing fair housing. The State of Rhode Island has declared a state policy of providing equal opportunity in housing through the Fair Housing Act of 1965 and through the mandatory housing element of the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act of 1988.

The Town of Coventry also willingly complies with the State Residential Anti-Displacement Act, participates in programs aimed at maintaining housing equality, and offers programs to educate the public about the home buying process. Specifically, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program allows the Town to provide grant monies to income-eligible persons and the Town participates in the Rhode Island Housing Corporation's Low Interest Loan Program.

The Town of Coventry also actively administers programs designed for children in the elementary school levels. These programs promote awareness and provide education about housing discrimination. By teaching the positive values of good citizenship and fair housing it is Coventry's aim to educate children at an early age as to the problems associated with housing discrimination.

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