ORDINANCE NO. 80-2

TITLE

An ordinance declaring the policy of the City of Mulberry in relation to the enforcement of Fair Housing.

ENACTING CLAUSE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mulberry.

COMMAND

SECTION 1. Whereas, the United States Congress has declared that all citizens of the United States shall have the same right in every state and territory, thereof to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property and has, thereby, declared fair and open housing to be the law of the land, it is hereby declared that the policy of the City of Mulberry is to adhere to, comply with and enforce all laws prohibiting discriminatory policies and practices based on race, color, sex, creed, or natural origin in relation to both the private and public sectors of the housing industry in the City of Mulberry. Specifically, it is hereby declared to be the intention and purpose of the City of Mulberry to comply with and enforce all provisions of law dealing with fair and open housing and nondiscrimination in relation to local housing. The following acts are prohibited: 1) discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, 2) discrimination in the financing of housing, and 3) discrimination in the provision of brokerage services.

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 2. The designated official to whom complaints shall be made is the Mayor of Mulberry, at City Complex, Mulberry, Arkansas.

EDUCATION

SECTION 3. The designated official shall initiate such educational activities as in his judgment will further the purposes of this ordinance.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

SECTION 4. The designated offical will receive information concerning alleged violations from any person. Such person may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred. The complaint should contain written information sufficiently precise to identify the parties and describe generally the action or practice complained of. Within 30 days after a complaint is filed, the designated official shall investigate the complaint and give notice in writing to the person aggrieved and to the respondent.

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ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY

SECTION 5. If possible, the designated official will proceed to eliminate or correct the alleged discriminatory housing practice by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance by doing any act prohibited or declared to be unlawful thereby, or declared to be an offense or misdemeanor thereby, or who shall fail to do any act requiredby any such provision, or who shall fail to do any act such provision declares such failure to be unlawful or to be an offense or misdemeanor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00), including costs. Each day upon which any such violation continues shall constitute a separate misdemeanor.

REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

SECTION 7. It being found by the City Council of the City of Mulberry that the City of Mulberry should have a policy in relation to the enforcement of fair housing and that no such policy has been established thereby declares an emergency exists and therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED by more than a two-thirds majority of the City Council of the City of Mulberry this 1st day of April, 1980.

Arnold D. Feller

ARNOLD D. FELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jerry Dickerson

JERRY DICKERSON
Recorder-Treasurer