

Attachment A

Ordinance #151

Section 1. It is hereby found that the population of the Township of South Haven, Michigan, consists of people of many races, colors, creeds, ethnicities, national origins, religions, sexes, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, ages, heights, weights, physical or mental abilities, veteran statuses, military obligations and marital statuses, and that discrimination in housing violates the public policy of the Township and that such discrimination in housing is injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare of the Township of South Haven and its inhabitants.

Section 2. No owner of real property, lessee, sublessee, real estate broker or salesman, lender, financial institution, builder, advertiser, or agent of any of the foregoing, shall discriminate against any other person because of the race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligation and marital status or because of the race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligation and marital status of the friends or associates of such other person, in regard to the sale or rental of, or dealings concerning, real property located in the Township of South Haven.

Section 3. Exemption: The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the rental of a room or rooms to three or less persons in a single dwelling unit, the remainder of which dwelling unit is occupied by (1) the owner or member of this immediate family, or (2) a lessee of the entire dwelling unit or members of his immediate family. Nothing in this Ordinance shall require an owner to offer property to the public at large before selling or renting it, nor shall the Ordinance be deemed to prohibit owners from giving preference to prospective tenants or buyers for any

reason other than because of the race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligation and marital status or because of the race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligation and marital status of the friends or associates of such other person.

Section 4. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisonment in the county jail of Van Buren County for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

Section 5. The phrases, sentences, sections, articles and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and any such phrase, sentence, section, article or provision which is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason shall in no way affect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication.