

Town of Whitakers
Equal Opportunity Plan

A. Equal Housing Opportunity Plan

Civil Rights Act of 1964

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits all racial discrimination in the sale or rental of property.

The Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act declares a national policy of fair housing throughout the United States, making illegal any discrimination in the sale, lease or rental of housing, or making housing otherwise unavailable, because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

Executive Order 12892, Equal Opportunity in Housing

Executive Order 12892, as amended (Leadership and Coordination of Fair Housing in Federal Programs: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing), provides that programs and activities relating to housing and urban development (including any Federal agency having regulatory or supervisory authority over financial institutions) shall be administered in a manner affirmatively to further the purposes of the Act and shall cooperate with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who shall be responsible for exercising leadership in furthering the design and delivery of Federal programs and activities.

The **Town of Whitakers** shall eliminate housing discrimination, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities by leading the *Town* in the enforcement, administration, and public understanding of federal fair housing policies and laws.

The **Town of Whitakers** shall include the Equal Housing Opportunity Logo and/or the phrase affirming Equal Opportunity in Housing on all the CDBG-I documents intended to be shared with the public.

The **Town of Whitakers** shall post in public buildings and the CDBG-I project area the Equal Housing Opportunity posters and/or additional information the local government has prepared to inform the community with the Equal Housing Opportunity policies and laws.

Describe Specific Actions to be taken to contact and develop working relationships with local owners, real state and civic, charitable or neighborhood organizations in particular, to secure public understanding and responsibilities to exercise Equal Housing Opportunity:

The Town of Whitakers Municipal Building, Police Department, Public Works Facility (water & Sewer), Fire Department, Town of Whitakers Website, CDBG-I related contracts, Edgecombe/Nash NCWorks and Edgecombe/Nash Board of Realtors.

B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11478, 12086, and 12107 (3 CFR 1964-1965 Comp. p. 339; 3 CFR, 1966-1970 Comp., p. 684; 3 CFR, 1966-1970., p. 803; 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 230; 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 264 (Equal Employment Opportunity), and Executive Order 13279 (Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations), 67 FR 77141, 3 CFR, 2002 Comp., p. 258; and the implementing regulations at 41 CFR chapter 60;

The **Town of Whitakers** maintains the policy of providing equal employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupation qualifications for employment.

In furtherance of this policy, the **Town** prohibits any retaliatory action of any kind taken by any employee of the locality against any other employee or applicant for employment because that person made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in a hearing, proceeding or investigation of employment discrimination.

The **Town** shall strive for greater utilization of all persons by identifying previously underutilized groups in the workforce, such as minorities, women, and the handicapped, and making special efforts toward their recruitment, selection, development and upward mobility and any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

Responsibility for implementing equal opportunities and affirmative action measures is hereby assigned to the **Mayor and/or other persons designated by the Chief Elected Official** to assist in the implementation of this policy statement.

The **Town** shall develop a self-evaluation mechanism to provide periodic examination and evaluation. Every two years the results of the self-evaluation reporting on the progress of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action will be presented to the **Mayor**. Records presented to the **Mayor** shall be maintained in the files and will be provided to DWI as needed.

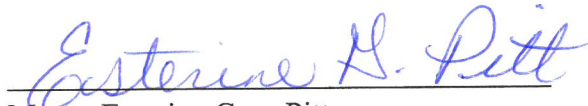
The **Town** is committed to this policy and is aware that with its implementation, the **Town** will receive positive benefits through the greater utilization and development of all its human resources.

The **Town of Whitakers** shall include the Equal Employment Opportunity logo and/or the phrase affirming Equal Employment Opportunity on all the CDBG documents intended to be shared with the staff and the public.

The *Town* shall obtain commitment from contractors that they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupation qualifications for employment. Contractors will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupation qualifications for employment. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

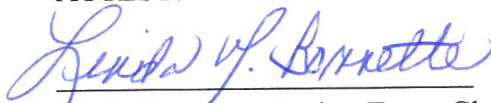
The *Town* shall obtain commitment from Contractors that will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupation qualifications for employment.

Adopted this 6th day of June 2019.



Mayor Esterine Gary Pitt

ATTEST:



Linda Bonnette, Acting Town Clerk