

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

2016

ORDINANCE NO. XX

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2012, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

Add **Section 22-7 Statement on Fair Housing Required in Notices of Public Hearings and Meetings Relating to Permitting or Funding of Housing to Chapter 22 Planning and Development**, as follows:

**Section 22-7 Statement on Fair Housing Required in Notices of Public Hearings and Meetings Relating to Permitting or Funding of Housing**

(a) In all cases where notice of a public hearing or meeting relating to the permitting or funding of housing is required by the Massachusetts General Laws or the Revised Ordinances, as amended, such notice shall contain a brief statement concerning the City's policy regarding fair housing practices, the Equal Housing Opportunity logo of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the name, title, telephone number and email address of a person in the Department of Planning and Development to contact for more information regarding fair housing, as follows:

It is the policy of the City of Newton to see to it that each person shall have equal access to and equal opportunity in housing, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, familial status (families with children under 18), public assistance (including rental vouchers), genetic information, or military status. Fair housing requirements apply to all types of housing, public and private, with very few limited exemptions, and regardless of whether government financial assistance is received.



For more information regarding fair housing, please contact [name, title, telephone number, email address].

(b) In all cases where notice of a public hearing or meeting relating to the permitting or funding of housing is required to be sent to individuals or specific boards or other agencies by the Massachusetts General Laws or the Revised Ordinances, as amended, such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the Newton Fair Housing Committee's "Statement on Fair Housing in Newton."

(c) This Section applies to any public hearing or meeting concerning: (i) a petition for a development requiring a special permit which is proposed to include or may include at least 1 new dwelling unit that satisfies the requirements for the provisions of an affordable housing "inclusionary unit" as set out in Section 5.11; (ii) a petition for a special permit to allow an association of persons to live in a congregate living facility pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30, Section 6.2.8; (iii) a petition for a comprehensive permit pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40B; and (iv) any request for public funding to subsidize the creation or preservation of affordable housing.

Under Suspension of Rules

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN  
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID B. OLSON  
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_