



### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW**

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Lyford encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

*Es ilegal discriminar contra ninguna persona a causa de su raza, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, situación familiar u origen nacional. Cualquier persona que crea ha sido discriminada puede presentar una reclamación de discriminación en la vivienda: 1-800-669-9777 (línea gratuita) o 1-800-927-9275 (TTY)*

### **POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY**

The City of Lyford does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Lydia Moreno, City Secretary has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8. Date June, 1988).

### **CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Lyford does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The City of Lyford has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within 15 working days. The following procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TxCDBG activities.

1. A person who has a comment or complaint about the services funded or to be funded by a grant administered by the City may submit such comment or complaint in writing to the City Secretary at the City Hall, 13550 Main Street, Lyford, Texas 78569.
2. The City Secretary or appointee shall conduct an investigation into same and report the findings to the City Council.
3. The City Council shall notify the complainant, in writing, of the findings of any investigation conducted within 15 working days after being presented in a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, and what action, if any, is deemed necessary.
4. A copy of the above outlined comment and/or complaint procedures can be obtained at the City Hall in the City of Lyford, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling Lydia Moreno, City Secretary, at (956) 347-3512.

### **SECTION 3 POLICY**

The City of Lyford has adopted a resolution to further Federal Section 3 compliance. Through the adoption of this resolution, the City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible. A Section 3 resident is defined as a public housing resident and/or a low to very-low income person. A Section 3 business is defined as a business that has a Section 3 resident who owns at least 51 percent or more of the business or employs at least 30 percent permanent, full-time employees classified as Section 3 residents.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY**

This notice is to advise the general public that the City of Lyford has on file an Excessive Force Policy which states in part "It is the policy of the City of Lyford to prohibit the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. The City also prohibits the physical barring of any entrance to, or exit from, such a facility within its jurisdiction.

The resolution containing this policy is available for reading and reproduction at Lyford City Hall during regular office hour or by calling 956-347-3512.

### ***Noticia Público***

***Para más información de estas noticias o la ciudad en español comuníquese con Lydia Moreno por teléfono 956-347-3512.***