

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 12 (2012/13)

Re: **Adopting State Fair Housing Law**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 106.50 prohibits discrimination in housing and encourages local units of government to assist in the orderly prevention and removal of all discrimination in housing through the powers granted under Wis. Stat. § 66.1011, and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County recognizes its responsibilities under Wis. Stat. § 106.50 and endorses the concept of fair and open housing for all persons and prohibition of discrimination therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1. **Adopting State Fair Housing Law.** Chapter 16 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 16
FAIR AND OPEN HOUSING

16.01 INTENT AND POLICY. Sheboygan County recognizes its responsibilities under Wis. Stat. § 106.50 and endorses the concept of fair and open housing for all persons and prohibition of discrimination therein.

16.02 PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

- (1) Except as otherwise may be specifically provided in this Code, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §. § 66.1011, the statutory provisions in Wis. Stat. §. 106.50 dealing with fair and open housing are hereby enacted and by reference made a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.
- (2) Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any statute incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this Code. The defenses available under state law are also to the incorporated provisions.
- (3) It is the intent of this Ordinance that it be construed in the same manner as the corresponding state law. Any future amendments, revisions, or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made a part of this Code.

16.03 PENALTIES. The penalties for violation of these offenses are the same as the penalties for the statutory offenses as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 106.50.

16.04 IMPLEMENTATION. The Planning and Conservation Department shall maintain forms for complaints to be filed under Wis. Stat. § 106.50 and shall assist any person alleging a violation thereof occurring in Sheboygan County to file a complaint themselves with the Wisconsin

Department of Workforce Development, Equal Rights Division, for enforcement of § 106.50.

16.05 ENFORCEMENT. With the consent of the complainant, the Corporation Counsel may commence a civil action in the name of Sheboygan County for the enforcement a violation of this Chapter as a forfeiture action.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of November, 2012.

PLANNING, RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE*

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Opposed to Introduction:

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