

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY AND PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town, as the recipient of federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant program;

WHEREAS, Section 109 of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Equal Employment Opportunity Act; the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Act of 1974, amended to Jobs for Veterans Act in 2002; Federal Executive Orders 11246, 11625, 12432, and 12138; Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; N.C.G.S. 126-16 (Equal Employment Opportunity); N.C.G.S 143-422.2 (Equal Employment Practice Act); N.C.G.S 168A-5-11 (Handicapped Persons Protection Act); N.C.G.S. 75B 1-7 (Discrimination in Business); N.C.G.S. 95-151(OSHA); N.C.G.S. 95-28.1; N.C.G.S. 127B-10-15 (Discrimination Against Military Personnel); N.C.G.S. 130A-148(i); N.C.G.S. 126-16; N.C.G.S. 143-48 and 143-128; and all applicable federal and other state regulations.

WHEREAS, the Town maintains the policy of providing equal employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, genetic information, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupational qualifications for employment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- SECTION 1: 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.
- SECTION 2: 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.
- SECTION 3: 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.
- SECTION 4: The Town shall develop a self-evaluation mechanism to provide periodic examination and evaluation. Every two years the results of self-evaluation reporting on the progress of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action will be presented to the Chief Elected Official. Records presented to the Chief Elected Official shall be maintained in the files and will be provided to NCDEQ/Division of Water Infrastructure as needed.
- SECTION 5: The Town is committed to this policy and is aware that with its implementation, the community will receive positive benefits through the greater utilization and development of all its human resources.



State of North Carolina
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI)
CDBG-Infrastructure Program

SECTION 6: The Town 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.

SECTION 7: 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, physical or mental disability, 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, physical or mental disability, 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.

SECTION 8: 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, physical or mental disability, age, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, except where religion, sex, national origin, or age are bona fide occupation qualifications for employment.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWN OF ENFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA.

Mayor Mondale Robinson

Adopted this 16th day of December 2024.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk