

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 05

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BROAD DUTY TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER
FAIR HOUSING IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 57th Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act; commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968); and

WHEREAS, the effort to create equal housing opportunities for all people is encouraged at every level so that the rights of every person to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability is assured; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act initially described the obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH); and

WHEREAS, civil rights and fair housing statutes and regulations are like an umbrella, intended to protect individuals from discrimination in housing, employment, through business opportunities such as contracting, or through other benefits created by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) projects; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing is shared by HUD entitlement jurisdictions and other entities using CDBG or HOME funds as delineated in HUD website and Federal Register 2025-03360; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wickliffe agrees that it is important to eliminate housing discrimination and promote civil rights and economic opportunity through housing; and

WHEREAS, as an applicant or potential recipient of federal funds this city certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and take any action that is rationally related to promoting one or more attributes of fair housing.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE,
COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:**

SECTION 1. The City of Wickliffe recognizes the broad duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing and the month of April 2025 Fair Housing Month in Lake County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the city and its inhabitants and for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution; wherefore, this resolution, provided it receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: April 14th, 2025

Attest: Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on
April 14th, 2025

First reading Suspended
Second reading Suspended
Third reading April 14th, 2025

Edward A. Fink
Council President – Presiding Officer

Approved: April 14th, 2025

Mayor Edward A. Fink
Passed 6 Yes 6 No 0

I, Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council of Wickliffe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of

Resolution No. 2025-05 enacted by Council at its regular meeting on April 14, 2025.

Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council