



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R125 - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on August 4, 2021

Approving The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice And
Authorizing The Filing of The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice With The
U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD)

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown receives funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and pursuant to 24 CFR § 91.225, and as a condition to receiving funds, the City of Allentown annually certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, such certification serves as the City's acknowledgment that it accepts the obligation to promote fair housing within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City carries out its certification by implementing a process to address the following three (3) components of the certification: 1) Conducting an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction; 2) Taking appropriate action to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis; and 3) Maintaining records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the City, in conjunction with the Cities of Bethlehem and Easton, and Northampton County, have prepared the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and

WHEREAS, drafts of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was on public display from Tuesday May 25, 2021 through Friday, June 25, 2021, the City held a series of public meetings on the said AI and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to confirm its continuing commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing choice in the City of Allentown, which includes a commitment to and the requirement to equally enforce all zoning and other laws regarding accessibility of housing in its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby approves and adopts the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania and confirms the City's continued commitment to affirmatively further fair housing through the following activities:

SECTION 1. That the City of Allentown has conducted an Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice within its jurisdiction; and

SECTION 2. That the City of Allentown will take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the Analysis; and

SECTION 3. That the Administrator, on behalf of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, is authorized to file the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.225, and as a condition to receiving funds the City of Allentown annually certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This legislation will allow the City to submit the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the filing of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This resolution authorizes the City to submit the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the filing of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

With this resolution there is no additional cost to the city.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the filing of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) its revised One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This resolution allows us to submit the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and authorize the filing of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) With no additional cost to the city