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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4118

AN ORDINANCE regarding Fair Housing; prohibiting the refusal to rent a dwelling unit solely on the basis of a Section 8 voucher or certificate rental request; and adding a new Section 9.20.045 to the Bellevue City Code (Fair Housing Practices Code).

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that there is a significant need for low-income rental housing within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that a significant number of persons are not able to secure adequate rental housing without financial assistance, such as that provided under Section 8 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has also determined that it is essential to assure that housing is available to persons who need financial assistance to secure decent housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has therefore determined that it is necessary and appropriate that the City prohibit the refusal to rent a dwelling unit to any rental applicant solely on the basis that the applicant has made such application pursuant to a Section 8 voucher or certificate under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, in order to assure that sufficient amounts of financially assisted housing are available to those persons needing such housing; and

WHEREAS, the City has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act and the City Environmental Procedures Ordinance; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 9.20.045 is added to the Bellevue City Code (Fair Housing Practices Code) to read as follows:

9.20.045 <u>Dwelling Units - Refusal to Rent Based Solely on Section 8 Voucher or Certificate Request Prohibited.</u> No person shall refuse to rent a dwelling unit to any rental applicant solely on the basis that the applicant proposes to rent such unit pursuant to a Section 8 voucher or certificate issued under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 1437(F)); <u>provided</u> this section shall only apply with respect to a

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Section 8 certificate if the monthly rent on such residential unit is within the limits of fair market rent as established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "Dwelling unit" shall have the meaning set forth in Bellevue City Code Section 20.50.016.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 5th day of February, 1990, and signed in authentication of its passage this 5th day of February, 1990.

(SEAL)

Terry Lukens

Terry Lukens, Mayor

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