



CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
2017-2021 ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING

In accordance with the city of Harrisonburg's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) related Citizen Participation Plan, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the city's CDBG staff and the Harrisonburg Rockingham Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) for the purpose of soliciting comment to develop a joint Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for and by the city of Harrisonburg and the HRHA. The AFH will replace the previous Analyses Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice prepared by the city.

The AFH is a legal requirement that both the city and HRHA must complete in order to continue receiving federal housing and community development block grant funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, the AFH is an analysis undertaken pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.154 that includes an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues and contributing factors, and an identification of fair housing priorities and goals specific to Harrisonburg. The primary purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comment from residents, community stakeholders and other interested parties on fair housing issues in the city related to housing discrimination and access to affordable housing in higher opportunity neighborhoods by members of the protected classes. Under federal law, these include race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. Under Virginia state law, persons age 55 and over are also a protected class.

The city and HRHA have recently initiated the AFH process. Data related to the AFH can be accessed online at <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/>. A more detailed analysis and presentation of the data will be provided at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:30pm in City Council Chambers located at 409 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801. This facility is handicapped accessible.

The city of Harrisonburg will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens at the public hearing. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/services should contact the city at least three working days in advance of the hearing.

A draft of the complete AFH will be made available for public review in August and a second public hearing will be scheduled to solicit comment on the draft document. The city intends to submit the final AFH to HUD on or before October 1, 2016. Please note that this is not a City Council public hearing.