

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 41**

THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

It is hereby found that the population of the Village of Mattawan consists of people of many races, colors, religions, ancestries and national origins, and that discrimination in housing violates the public policy of the Village and that such discrimination in housing is injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Mattawan and its inhabitants.

SECTION 2. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

No owner of real property, lessee, sublessee, real estate broker or salesman, lender, financial institution, builder, advertiser, or agent of any of the foregoing, shall discriminate against any other person because of the religion, race, color or national origin of such other person or because of the religion, race, color or national origin of the friends or associates of such other person in regard to the sale or rental of, or dealings concerning, real property located in the Village of Mattawan.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the rental of a room or rooms to three or less persons in a single dwelling unit, the remainder of which dwelling unit is occupied by (1) the owner or member of his immediate family, or (2) a lessee of the entire dwelling unit or members of his immediate family.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisonment in the county jail of Van Buren County for a period of not more than ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

The phrases, sentences, sections, articles and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and any such phrase, sentence, section, article or provision which is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason shall in no way effect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on May 1, 1978.