

City of Santa Rosa



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Title:	REPORT - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10-46, HOUSING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION CODE				

BACKGROUND: Santa Rosa is experiencing a housing crisis exacerbated by the wildfire disaster in 2017. The City Council adopted a Comprehensive Housing Strategy under its Tier 1 Goals, including the adoption of a local ordinance prohibiting rental housing discrimination against people using rental subsidies issued through government and non-profit agencies. Rental housing subsidies are intended to increase affordable housing opportunities by making market-rate housing affordable to qualifying families. The Santa Rosa Housing Authority (SRHA) administers Housing Choice Vouchers for approximately 2,000 households in the City; the Council has funded rental assistance through Rapid Rehousing and similar programs. Households who have rental assistance under these programs have difficulty finding landlords who are willing to accept the subsidy; SRHA reports that in the last year 61% of the households who were issued vouchers were able to use them. The proposed ordinance would give tenants using vouchers or other third-party rental assistance equal access to the rental application process and otherwise require that households using assistance programs are treated equally in rental housing.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that Council introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 10-46 to the Santa Rosa City Code prohibiting rental housing discrimination based on source of income, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and other rent subsidies.

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