**ORDINANCE 2008-60**

**TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 21 AND HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE FAIR HOUSING CHOICE ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO FAIR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN."**

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of endorsing and recognizing the concepts of fair housing for all persons in order to promote the health, safety, human rights, prosperity and general welfare of the people of Franklin, Tennessee the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is authorized to prescribe regulations and standards to promote fair housing choice within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in the legislative judgment of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen found that ordinances that further and promote fair housing choice must be dynamic and modified from time to time to reflect changes in best practices, model codes, and standards necessary to preserve and promote the private and public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, in conjunction with Franklin's Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan, found that a separate chapter within Title 21 – Affordable/Workforce Housing of the Municipal Code be designated for defining, stating, and outlining various initiatives and strategies that will promote and sustain fair housing choice within the City of Franklin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, Tennessee, that Title 21, Chapter 1, Section 21-103 – Purpose and Definitions be codified to include the following definitions to read as follows:

**21-103. Definitions.**

**Housing Development Coordinator** means the City of Franklin employee who serves as the primary point of contact for Affordable and Workforce Housing Development initiatives and who serves as liaison to the Affordable and Workforce Housing Advisory Committee for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

**Tennessee Human Rights Commission** is an independent state agency charged with preventing and eradicating discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing. The Commission has its central office in Nashville. The Commission has cooperative agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This agreement allows the federal and state agencies to coordinate their investigations and avoid duplication of efforts in seeking to end discrimination.

**SECTION II:** BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, Tennessee, that Title 21, Chapter 6, Section 21-600 of the Franklin Municipal Code be created and approved to read as follows:

## TITLE 21

## AFFORDABLE &WORKFORCE HOUSING

**CHAPTER**

1. **Purpose and Definitions.**
2. **Reserved**
3. **Reserved**
4. **Water & Wastewater Development Fee Incentive**
5. **State and Local Procedures.**
6. **Fair Housing Choice.**

## CHAPTER 6

## FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

**SECTION**

21-601. Purpose
21-602. State Law Adopted
21-603. Local Practices and Procedures

**21-601. Purpose.** A declaration of policy of the City of Franklin, in keeping with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Tennessee, to promote through fair, orderly and lawful procedure the opportunity for each person so desiring to obtain housing of such person's choice in this jurisdiction without regard to race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, familial status, handicap or age, and, to that end, to prohibit discrimination in housing by any person.

**21-602. State Law Adopted.** The statutory provisions of the Tennessee Human Rights Act, as found in Title 4, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended from time to time; referred to in this section of this ordinance and listed below are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this ordinance as if fully set forth herein. Any act prohibited by T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 21 is prohibited by this ordinance.

**21-603. Local Practices and Procedures.**

(1) **Complaint Procedure.** In keeping with T.C.A. 4-21-202, as well as Chapter 1500-1, "Rules for Acting Upon Complaints of Discrimination", all alleged complaints of fair housing discrimination received by an employee of the City of Franklin, shall be referred to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. The City of Franklin's Housing Development Coordinator shall serve as the primary point of contact for procedural guidance related to this ordinance.

(2) **Affirmatively Forwarding Fair Housing Choice.** Annually, as a component of the City of Franklin's Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan strategies and actions that affirmatively forward Fair Housing Choice shall be identified, developed, and implemented.

**SECTION III:** BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, Tennessee, that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage on second and final reading the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin, Tennessee requiring it.

**ATTEST:** **CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:**

By: _____ By: _____

**RUSSELL TRUELL** **JOHN C. SCHROER**

**Interim City Administrator/Recorder** **Mayor**

**PASSED FIRST READING** **November 25, 2008**

**PASSED SECOND READING** December 9, 2008