

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-03**

**Introduced By**                      **City Council**

**Date Introduced**                      **September 5, 2023**

**Amendments Adopted**

**Date Adopted**                      **September 5, 2023**

**Date Effective**                      **September 5, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION concerning.**

**TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION FOR PROMOTING HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH HOUSING VOUCHERS AND FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT**

**WHEREAS** access to affordable and quality housing is a fundamental human right and plays a crucial role in fostering stable and prosperous communities; and

**WHEREAS** the current system of rental assistance through Housing Vouchers (Section-8) primarily focuses on subsidizing rental costs, limiting the ability of low-income individuals and families to build equity and achieve homeownership; and

**WHEREAS** homeownership has been proven to provide long-term economic stability, wealth accumulation, and a sense of community pride and ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing Housing Vouchers to be utilized for home ownership would empower low-income individuals and families to participate in the housing market, fostering economic mobility and providing them with a stake in their communities; and

**WHEREAS** local entities such as municipal governments, land banks, economic development corporations, and other community organizations are well-positioned to effectively manage and administer housing voucher programs for home ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, underserved and disadvantaged communities often face disproportionately high rates of poverty, limited access to affordable housing, and insufficient economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, affordable quality housing initiatives are essential for revitalizing underserved communities, combating systemic inequality, and promoting economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, providing increased funding directly to local municipal governments will enhance their capacity to address the unique challenges faced by minority-owned

businesses in underserved communities, facilitating infrastructure development and economic empowerment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NBC-LEO supports legislation that allows Housing Vouchers (Section-8) to be utilized for home ownership, providing low-income individuals and families with an opportunity to build equity and achieve the American dream of homeownership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Seat Pleasant supports legislation that establishes and funds Affordable Quality Housing initiatives, with a focus on directing funding to local municipal governments in underserved and disadvantaged communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NBC-LEO supports increasing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) appropriations directly to municipalities to support minority business infrastructure development, enabling these communities to foster economic growth, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for their residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to Prince George's County Council urging them to take immediate action in support of the aforementioned legislation and funding initiatives.

The City of Seat Pleasant stands committed to advocating for equitable access to affordable housing, homeownership opportunities, and economic empowerment for all residents in our community.


**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND RESOLVED** that this Resolution be and is hereby enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 to take effect immediately.


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