



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **CITY OF BILOXI FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Biloxi will be co-hosting a workshop for the purpose of sharing information and learn about your rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, learn special tenant protections during the COVID-19 pandemic and participate in a community fair housing round-table discussion of current issues.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines an impediment to fair housing choices as *“any actions, omissions or decisions, which restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or handicap.”*

The presentation will be conducted by the Mississippi Center for Justice at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in the auditorium of the Biloxi Community Development Department located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in downtown Biloxi.

The brief presentation will focus upon the FHA requirements with regard to protections for the disabled, including reasonable accommodations and modifications. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion following the presentation.

All interested citizens are urged to attend, particularly residents of public housing, low-income individuals, representatives of local banking and real estate businesses and those providing housing support services in Biloxi.

Those individuals who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or who are non-English speaking are urged to notify the City at least 72 hours prior to the workshop so that special arrangements can be made. Please contact the Federal Programs Division at the Biloxi Engineering Department by calling 228-435-6269 for assistance in this regard.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, federal and state guidelines for social distancing will be complied with at the hearing. If attendance exceeds the recommended group size, agenda material intended to be presented will be made available for pick up at the door instead.

*Information about Biloxi’s CDBG Program is available at <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbq/>*