## FAIR HOUSING AND RELIGIOUS LAND USE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

- 1. This procedure is in place to address complaints by any person who believes that Hendricks County, Indiana (the "County") may have violated the Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-3619) and/or the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc–2000cc-5) or otherwise discriminated on the basis of religion through the implementation of its zoning or land use laws. The purpose of this complaint process is to ensure equal access to housing opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their personal characteristics, and to protect the religious freedoms of individuals and institutions in the application of the County's land use regulations.
- 2. The County accepts written and oral complaints.
- 3. Upon receipt of such a complaint, if not in writing, the County, through non-clerical employees designated by the County, shall offer and provide the Complaint Form attached to this procedure.
- 4. The County shall respond in writing to any complaints within fifteen (15) business days.
- 5. The County shall accept and maintain as records copies of each original written complaint and any proposed or actual action taken by the County in response to the complaint.
- 6. The County shall notify the United States of any complaints and its responses consistent with the Reporting Requirements set forth in Section II.F of the Consent Decree between the United States and Hendricks County entered in Cause No. 24-cv-01620 on December 4, 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** Hendricks County Government has executed this Fair Housing and Religious Land Use Complaint Procedure this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

BY: Hendricks County Commissioners

Witness

Dennis W. Dawes, President

Bob Centry, Vice President

Brad Whicker, Member

## FAIR HOUSING AND RELIGIOUS LAND USE COMPLAINT AGAINST HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
1. Please state briefly the nature of the service or request that you made of Hendricks County (e.g., rezoning, zoning map amendment, concept plan, development plan review, variance, special exception, etc.). In addition, please include a description of the religious land use and the assembly or institution at issue in your request:
2. Please state briefly in what way(s) you believe that the County and/or any of its agents, employees or representatives engaged in land use and zoning matters may have violated your rights in the exercise of your religion under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the Fair Housing Act or other federal law (including the United States Constitution), or the County's Code or Ordinances:
3. If you believe that the County or any of its agents, employees or representatives engaged in land

3. If you believe that the County or any of its agents, employees or representatives engaged in land use or zoning has discriminated against you in the exercise of your religion through the implementation of its zoning or land-use laws, in addition to completing this complaint, please contact the United States Department of Justice at (800) 896-7743.

You may also write to:

United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Indiana 10 West Market Street, Suite 2100 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or

United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Housing and Civil Enforcement Section 4 Constitution Square 150 M Street NE Washington, DC 20002

You may also register a complaint via email to <u>rluipa.complaints@usdoj.gov</u> or <u>USAINS-CivilRights@usdoj.gov</u> or via form online at <u>https://civilrights.justice.gov/report/.</u>