

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYMENT POLICY:

Non-discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

The City of Pittsfield is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of diversity and inclusion.

Our human capital is the most valuable asset we have. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, inventiveness, innovation, self-expression, unique capabilities and talent that our employees invest in their work represents a significant part of not only our culture, but our reputation and company's achievement as well.

We embrace and encourage our employees' differences in age, color, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, and other characteristics that make our employees unique.

Pittsfield's diversity initiatives are applicable—but not limited—to our practices and policies on recruitment and selection; compensation and benefits; professional development and training; promotions; transfers; social and recreational programs; layoffs; terminations; and the ongoing development of a work environment built on the premise of diversity equity that encourages and enforces:

- Respectful communication and cooperation between all employees.
- Teamwork and employee participation, permitting the representation of all groups and employee perspectives.
- Healthy work/life balance
- Employer and employee contributions to the communities we serve to promote a greater understanding and respect for the diversity.

All employees of Pittsfield have a responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect at all times. All employees are expected to exhibit conduct that reflects inclusion during work, at work functions on or off the work site, and at all other City-sponsored and participative events. Employees are also required to attend and complete annual diversity awareness training to enhance their knowledge to fulfill this responsibility.

The City does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Any employee found to have exhibited any inappropriate conduct or behavior against others may be subject to disciplinary action.

Employees who believe they have been subjected to any kind of discrimination that conflicts with our diversity policy and initiatives should seek assistance from a supervisor or Human Resources.

