

Arkansas Settles in Favor of MH Owners, Residents

By Patrick Revere - December 11, 2016



Given that they - arguably falsely -claim to be #1, how is it that after nearly 2 years, this article has only had 568 views? Embarrassing. Our leading articles may get 20 times that number in a month.

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Fair Housing Update

In September of 2016, a young couple moved their manufactured home to McCrory, Arkansas, from a neighboring community.

Shortly after their move, the McCrory City Council passed an ordinance which stated no manufactured home could be sited in the city "unless it has a value established by a certified appraiser or a bill of sale of not less than \$7,500.00."

McCrory claimed the ordinance was necessary because it provided relief from over-crowding, was good for health and safety of McCrory residents, and promoted orderly growth in the community.

However, after the ordinance passed, the couple that had moved their home to McCrory was visited by the city's police chief. He told them they'd have to move their home because it was valued at \$1500 and did not comply with the city's new valuation ordinance. Equal Justice Under the Law ("Equal Justice"), a D.C.-based legal aid organization, got involved and assisted the couple in filing suit against the City of McCrory.

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Lawsuit Decries Practices Counter to Fair Housing

The 31-page, well-crafted original lawsuit labeled McCrory's ordinance "a wealth-based banishment scheme, imposing a fate universally decried by civilized people" that essentially criminalized poverty.

The lawsuit asked for the Federal Court in the Eastern District of Arkansas to declare the ordinance unconstitutional.

Equal Justice was able to get the city to repeal the ordinance and according to a November 28, 2017 press release they finalized a settlement in the lawsuit.

JD Harper, who is Executive Director of the Arkansas Manufactured Housing Association has been following the case since its inception calls the case "a significant victory against zoning discrimination."

He pointed out that the case has caused several other towns with similar ordinances to change their laws, too.

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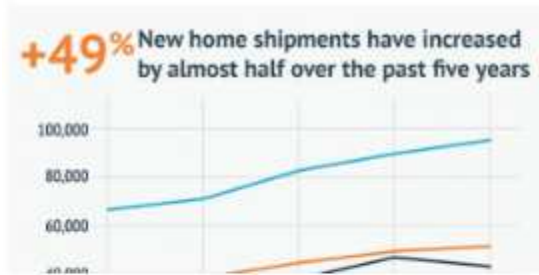
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Can you spell 'spin?' Let's let the statistical claim stand for the moment. What this demonstrably ignores is the fact that manufactured housing has had - as of this month's data - 11 out of 12 months in year-over-year declines in new home shipments.

Why would they do an article that tries to put lipstick on a proverbial pig? This is arguably an example of an effort by MHInsider and MHI to counter our fact-based reports by their spin based happy talk.