

## IMPACT STATEMENT

### Legislation title:

Remove gender-specific language in Titles 11 Trees, 24 Building Regulations, 25 Plumbing Regulations, 26 Electrical Regulations, 27 Heating and Ventilating Regulations, and 32 Signs and Related Regulations (Ordinance; amend Code Titles 11, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 32)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In December 2015, City Council passed a Resolution (No. 37175) that directed in part,

“...the Office of the City Attorney and BHR shall work with all City bureaus to examine their policies and procedures, including but not limited to policy documents, rules and regulations, applications, permits, and contracts, to assess whether gender-specific language in the documents should be eliminated and replaced with gender-neutral language...”

Based on direction from the City Attorney, BDS is making changes to policies and procedures as noted above, including the City Titles that are administered by BDS as specified in Title 3. Revisions to Titles 11, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 32 are proposed in this ordinance.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

With the exception of staff time spent on drafting changes and submitting for Council action, there is no financial or budgetary impact of this ordinance.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

No community involvement was conducted in development of this ordinance. Community impacts relate to the City’s commitment to establishing gender neutral policies, facilities, and other actions.

### 100% Renewable Goal:

This ordinance has no impact on the City’s renewable energy use.

## Budgetary Impact Worksheet

### Does this action change appropriations?

**YES:** Please complete the information below.

**NO:** Skip this section

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Center</b>	<b>Commitment Item</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>	<b>Funded Program</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Sponsored Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>



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**To:** Mayor Wheeler  
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 Commissioner Fish  
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 Commissioner Saltzman

**From:** Rebecca Esau, Interim Director *RE*  
 Bureau of Development Services

**Regarding: Proposed amendments to city code to include gender-neutral language**

I. RECOMMENDATION

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II. BACKGROUND

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The Bureau of Development Services (BDS) has reviewed all titles that are administered by BDS as prescribed by Title 3, Administration. Titles 11, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 32 were found to contain gender-specific language. This ordinance replaces gender-specific language in those titles with gender-neutral language in fulfillment of Resolution No. 37175.