

ORDINANCE No. 189396

Amend Civil Rights Code to add non-religion such as atheism, agnosticism and non-belief to the definition of Religion (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 23.01)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that:

1. Discrimination on the basis of non-religion such as atheism, agnosticism, and non-belief exists in the City of Portland and the state law does not explicitly prohibit such discrimination against these groups. This change is necessary to clarify that disbelief, or lack of belief should be included in the protected class of "Religion" in order to provide every individual an equal opportunity to participate fully in the life of the City.
2. Providing protections for non-religion such as atheism, agnosticism, and non-belief promotes the intent of the Council to remove discriminatory barriers to equal participation in employment, housing and public accommodations in the City of Portland. Other cities, such as Madison, Wisconsin, have taken similar measures.
3. It is necessary to update citations to the Oregon Revised Statutes as cited in Chapter 23.01 to the most current version in order to maintain accuracy.
4. Updates to make language used in Chapter 23.01 more inclusive are also needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. City Code Chapter 23.01 is amended as provided in Exhibit A.

Passed by the Council: FEB 27 2019

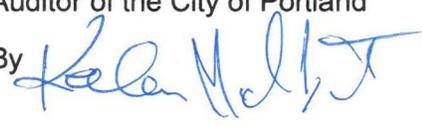
Mayor Wheeler

Prepared by: Cynthia Castro

Date Prepared: 01/23/2019

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

By 

Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Fritz	CLERK USE: DATE FILED FEB 05 2019
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Amade Fritz</i> Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: N/A Bureau Head: N/A	ACTION TAKEN: FEB 13 2019 PASSED TO SECOND READING FEB 27 2019
Prepared by: Cynthia Castro Date Prepared: 01/23/2019	
Impact Statement Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: <i>[Signature]</i> required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: <i>[Signature]</i> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	
Council Meeting Date 2/13/2019	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 10:15 AM Total amount of time needed: 30 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
		YEAS NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓
Wheeler	Wheeler	_____