

Ordinance Referred *and* Proposed Amendments To the Charter of the City of Portland

To be submitted to the voters of the City of Portland at
the General Municipal Election to be held

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1950



COMPILED AND ISSUED BY

WILL GIBSON

AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

Referendum Ordered by Petition of the People Submitted by Civil Freedom Committee

ORDINANCE NO. 91214

Passed by the Council February 21, 1950

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An Ordinance amending the Police Code by adding a new section relating to discrimination in certain places and by certain types of business on account of race, color, religion or national origin.

THE CITY OF PORTLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council finds that to further the objectives contained in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and as an exercise of the police power of the City of Portland, provision should be made against discrimination on account of race, color or religion in public or quasi-public places; that in the interest of public health and as an exercise of the police power of the City such regulations should also extend to hospitals, ambulances, mortuaries, funeral conveyances and cemeteries; that civil rights of all persons within the police jurisdiction of the City should be safeguarded as provided herein; now, therefore, Article 27 of Ordinance No. 76339 (Police Code) hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered, entitled and to read as follows:

Section 16-2703. PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION SHALL BE OPENED TO ALL PERSONS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. All persons within the police jurisdiction of the City of Portland shall be entitled to full and equal accommodation, advantages, facilities and privileges in all places or businesses offering or holding out services or facilities to the general public, including but not limited to hotels, lodging houses and rooming houses as defined in the License and Business Code of the City of Portland, restaurants or other places where food or drink are offered to the public generally for consumption upon the premises, theaters or other places of amusement, public transportation carriers, public facilities in office buildings or other places open to the general public, retail stores, hospitals, ambulances, mortuaries, funeral conveyances and cemeteries.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, manager, or proprietor of a place of business within the City offering or holding itself out as affording services or facilities to the general public including but not limited to the businesses mentioned in this section to discriminate against any person in such service or sale of privilege, facility or commodity on account of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

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DOROTHY McCULLOUGH LEE,
Mayor of the City of Portland.

Attest:

WILL GIBSON,
Auditor of the City of Portland.

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The ballot title adopted for the foregoing ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Police Code of the City of Portland so as to prohibit any person operating a business within the city which offers or holds out services or facilities to the general public from discriminating with reference to accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges or commodities, against any person because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

Shall said Ordinance be adopted?

500 Yes, I vote for the Ordinance.

501 No, I vote against the Ordinance.