

Legislation Text

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An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination), Sections 9:150, 9:151, 9:156, and 9:159, Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor To Update Definitions of Gender Expression, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation; Reorder Definitions; Add Definition of Religion to Include Prohibition Against Religious-Based Hair and Head Coverings Discrimination; and To Remove Requirement that Complaint be Filed within 180 Days (ORD-22-09)

The Human Rights Commission recommends the following updates to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance:

- 1. Adding definition of "Religion" to clarify that the ordinance protects against religious-based hairstyle discrimination, including religious head coverings.
- 2. Changing some of the definitions (Gender Identity, Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation) to match the definitions in the more-recently passed Conversion Therapy Ban ordinance.
- 3. Removing the requirement that complainants file their complaint with the HRC within 180 days.
- 4. Re-ordering references to the list of protected categories to make "ethnicity" listed in alphabetical order.
- 5. Switching the order of how complaints are resolved to have informal mediation take place first to match the current practice.

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