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BACKGROUND

Ordinance 2019-2021 updates Columbus City Code by removing gendered terms such as fireman, chairman, and manhole from Columbus City Code and replacing them with gender neutral language such as firefighter, chairperson, and maintenance hole. The ordinance also removes gendered subject (he, she, etc.), object (him, her, etc.), and possessive (his, hers, etc.) pronouns and replaces them with gender neutral descriptions. Additionally, changes are made to remove language that is outdated, not commonly used today, or offensive. These changes are technical and make no operational changes to the City of Columbus. The purpose is only to reflect gender inclusivity as well as removing words that no longer correctly reflect individuals in our society.

The ordinance also makes changes to Columbus City Code to eliminate any inconsistencies or conflicts with Ohio Revised Code.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested to immediate change outdated language in the City Codes and eliminate inconsistencies and conflicts with the Ohio Revised Code.

To amend chapters 105, 107, 111, 115, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 133, 135, 139, 143, 149, 151, 153, 157, 161, 163, 165, 169, 171, 173, 217, 227, 229, 321, 325, 328, 329, 335, 361, 362, 371, 375, 376, 501, 505, 517, 523, 524, 525, 535, 540, 541, 550, 551, 555, 559, 573, 585, 586, 587, 589, 591, 592, 593, 594, 598, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 713, 715, 901, 902, 905, 909, 910, 911, 912, 915, 917, 919, 921, 924, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1133, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1150, 1153, 1160, 1162, 1167, 1305, 1501, 1505, 1507, 1713, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1921, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1933, 1941, 2101, 2105, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2131, 2133, 2137, 2139, 2150, 2151, 2155, 2173, 2301, 2303, 2305, 2307, 2309, 2313, 2315, 2317, 2319, 2321, 2323, 2325, 2327, 2329, 2331, 2501, 2502, 2504, 2513, 2519, 2534, 2551, 2592, 2596, 2901, 2905, 2907, 2909, 2911, 2925, 2937, 2937, 3101, 3103, 3115, 3116, 3117, 3118, 3119, 3120, 3124, 3303, 3305, 3310, 3311, 3312, 3320, 3323, 3325, 3333, 3347, 3357, 3363, 3370, 3372, 3373, 3381, 3382, 3387, 3390, 3392, 3515, 3517, 4101, 4103, 4105, 4107, 4109, 4111, 4113, 4114, 4115, 4116, 4123, 4125, 4301, 4303, 4307, 4501, 4503, 4505, 4507, 4509, 4523, 4525, 4527, 4529, 4551, 4561, 4701, 4703, and 4705 of the Columbus City Codes to make technical changes to the entirety of the Columbus City Codes, reflecting gender inclusivity and updated language, and to eliminate any inconsistencies or conflicts with the Ohio Revised Code; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council recognizes that using gender-neutral language can help reduce gender stereotyping, promote social change and contribute to achieving gender equality; and

WHEREAS, ever-increasing awareness exists that language matters, and in particular with regard to the subtle and not so subtle, and intended and unintended consequences of language, including implicit or explicit bias; and

WHEREAS, although Columbus has laws and policies that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex and gender identity, certain laws, policies, and other writings continue to use language that is non-inclusive and outdated; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming a more widespread and increasingly recommended practice to use gender-neutral and gender-inclusive language in the drafting of legislation, workplace policies, legal, academic, and journalistic writing, and various

other means of communication; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that all individuals living in or visiting Columbus should be treated fairly and with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the term “mental retardation” promotes the stigma and negative treatment of people with intellectual disabilities, which also is associated with diminished access to health care and poorer health, employment, and quality of life outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the word “alien,” used to describe a person who is not a citizen or a national of the United States, has a long history of derogatory, racist, and dehumanizing usage; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus City Council, in that it is necessary to enact these changes in order to modernize Columbus City Code in a timely manner for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That sections 107.02, 111.01, 111.02, 111.11, 111.12, 111.14, 111.21, 111.22, 111.23, 111.29, 115.04, 115.05, 115.06, 115.08, 121.01, 121.05, 123.03, 123.06, 125.02, 125.03, 125.05, 127.02, 129.02, 133.04, 135.05, 135.07, 135.09, 139.01, 139.02, 143.02, 143.03, 149.01, 151.02, 153.03, 157.02, 161.03, 161.035, 161.05, 163.02, 165.05, 169.01, 169.02, 169.03, 173.02, 173.04, 173.05, 173.06, 173.07, 217.051, 227.01, 227.02, 229.04, 321.03, 321.06, 321.08, 321.081, 325.03, 328.03, 329.01, 329.08, 335.04, 361.15, 361.20, 361.22, 361.24, 361.26, 361.27, 361.28, 361.30, 361.31, 361.32, 361.34, 362.03, 362.08, 362.99, 371.10, 371.13, 371.14, 371.15, 376.14, 501.02, 501.09, 501.15, 501.17, 501.19, 505.04, 505.05, 505.06, 505.07, 505.09, 505.10, 505.12, 517.05, 523.03, 524.04, 525.01, 535.01, 535.02, 535.06, 535.07, 535.08, 535.09, 535.10, 535.12, 535.12, 540.02, 540.11, 541.01, 541.02, 541.07, 550.01, 550.07, 550.09, 551.04, 551.07, 551.09, 551.11, 551.17, 555.09, 559.17, 573.01, 573.131, 573.16, 573.164, 573.17, 585.01, 585.10, 585.12, 586.01, 586.04, 586.08, 587.04, 587.08, 587.09, 587.10, 587.11, 587.12, 589.03, 589.04, 589.05, 589.06, 589.08, 589.09, 589.10, 589.11, 589.13, 591.03, 591.04, 591.06, 591.08, 591.09, 592.04, 592.08, 593.04, 594.04, 594.05, 598.04, 701.09, 701.13, 703.05, 703.09, 703.12, 703.17, 703.19, 705.03, 707.03, 709.03, 713.03, 715.01, 715.02, 715.03, 715.06, 715.07, 901.02, 902.00, 902.03, 902.99, 905.02, 905.075, 909.03, 910.01, 911.02, 911.03, 912.10, 912.15, 912.21, 912.24, 915.02, 915.04, 917.04, 919.02, 919.16, 921.01-3, 921.01-7, 921.01-8, 921.01-14, 921.01-16, 921.10, 921.14, 921.301, 921.63, 924.07, 1101.03, 1101.06, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.04, 1105.01, 1105.10, 1105.14, 1111.05, 1111.08, 1111.11, 1113.01, 1113.06, 1115.03, 1115.04, 1115.08, 1115.09, 1115.10, 1115.13, 1115.15, 1133.01, 1133.21, 1133.22, 1137.01, 1139.04, 1141.06, 1141.08, 1141.09, 1141.10, 1141.11, 1141.12, 1145.02, 1145.06, 1145.24, 1145.41, 1145.78, 1145.84, 1145.87, 1145.92, 1147.11, 1147.13, 1147.14, 1147.19, 1149.02, 1149.09, 1150.03, 1150.35, 1150.39, 1153.01, 1160.03, 1160.06, 1162.01, 1167.01, 1167.03, 1305.10, 1501.02, 1505.05, 1505.09, 1507.05, 1507.11, 1507.23, 1507.24, 1507.25, 1713.0111, 1903.02, 1903.03, 1905.09, 1909.10, 1921.01, 1921.02, 1921.04, 1921.06, 1921.07, 1921.09, 1921.12, 1925.01, 1925.04, 1925.05, 1925.07, 1925.08, 1925.09, 1925.11, 1929.04, 1929.05, 1929.06, 1933.01, 1941.04, 2101.04, 2101.041, 2101.19, 2101.195, 2101.20, 2101.22, 2101.27, 2101.251, 2101.311, 2101.355, 2101.51, 2101.54, 2105.01, 2105.03, 2105.04, 2105.06, 2105.12, 2105.13, 2105.17, 2105.18, 2105.19, 2105.25, 2107.05, 2107.06, 2109.02, 2111.04, 2111.06, 2113.08, 2115.02, 2115.03, 2115.04, 2115.05, 2131.36, 2133.03, 2137.221, 2319.07, 2319.10, 2150.03, 2150.05, 2150.06, 2150.07, 2150.08, 2150.09, 2150.10, 2150.12, 2151.01, 2151.21, 2155.01, 2155.05, 2155.055, 2155.06, 2173.03, 2301.01, 2301.13, 2301.15, 2301.21, 2301.22, 2301.23, 2301.24, 2301.26, 2303.31, 2305.03, 2305.12, 2307.11, 2307.23, 2307.27, 2307.33, 2307.331, 2309.06, 2309.27, 2309.30, 2313.02, 2313.03, 2313.11, 2313.21, 2313.41, 2313.44, 2313.45, 2315.02, 2315.05, 2317.11, 2317.33, 2319.23, 2319.25, 2319.30, 2321.01, 2321.021, 2321.04, 2321.13, 2321.21, 2321.22, 2321.31, 2321.32, 2321.33, 2321.331, 2321.51, 2321.54, 2323.02, 2323.03, 2325.01, 2325.03, 2325.14, 2325.22, 2325.58, 2325.631, 2325.634, 2325.639, 2325.67, 2325.69, 2327.01, 2327.03, 2327.08, 2327.11, 2329.01, 2329.06, 2329.10, 2329.11, 2331.01, 2331.07, 2331.10, 2501.02, 2501.045, 2501.13, 2501.14, 2501.15, 2501.18, 2501.20, 2501.23, 2501.92, 2501.93, 2501.94, 2501.95, 2501.96, 2501.96, 2502.01, 2502.02, 2502.0599, 2502.06, 2504.03, 2513.04, 2519.01, 2519.04, 2519.06, 2519.07, 2534.07, 2534.08, 2534.10, 2534.12,

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Ordinance 2019-2021 Attachment

SECTION 2. 107.02, 111.01, 111.02, 111.11, 111.12, 111.14, 111.21, 111.22, 111.23, 111.29, 115.04, 115.05, 115.06, 115.08, 121.01, 121.05, 123.03, 123.06, 125.02, 125.03, 125.05, 127.02, 129.02, 133.04, 135.05, 135.07, 135.09, 139.01, 139.02, 143.02, 143.03, 149.01, 151.02, 153.03, 157.02, 161.03, 161.035, 161.05, 163.02, 165.05, 169.01, 169.02, 169.03, 173.02, 173.04, 173.05, 173.06, 173.07, 217.051, 227.01, 227.02, 229.02, 229.04, 321.03, 321.06, 321.08, 321.081, 325.03, 328.03, 329.01, 329.08, 335.04, 361.15, 361.20, 361.22, 361.24, 361.26, 361.27, 361.28, 361.30, 361.31, 361.32, 361.34, 362.03, 362.08, 362.99, 371.10, 371.13, 371.14, 371.15, 376.14, 501.02, 501.09, 501.15, 501.17, 501.19, 505.04, 505.05, 505.06, 505.07, 505.09, 505.10, 505.12, 517.05, 523.03, 524.04, 525.01, 535.01, 535.02, 535.06, 535.07, 535.08, 535.09, 535.10, 535.12, 535.12, 540.02, 540.11, 541.01, 541.02, 541.07, 550.01, 550.07, 550.09, 551.04, 551.07, 551.09, 551.11, 551.17, 555.09, 559.17, 573.01, 573.131, 573.16, 573.164, 573.17, 585.01, 585.10, 585.12, 586.01, 586.04, 586.08, 587.04, 587.08, 587.09, 587.10, 587.11, 587.12, 589.03, 589.04, 589.05, 589.06, 589.08, 589.09, 589.10, 589.11, 589.13, 591.03, 591.04, 591.06, 591.08, 591.09, 592.04, 592.08, 593.04, 594.04, 594.05, 598.04, 701.09, 701.13, 703.05, 703.09, 703.12, 703.17, 703.19, 705.03, 707.03, 709.03, 713.03, 715.01, 715.02, 715.03, 715.06, 715.07, 901.02, 902.00, 902.03, 902.99, 905.02, 905.075, 909.03, 910.01, 911.02, 911.03, 912.10, 912.15, 912.21, 912.24, 915.02, 915.04, 917.04, 919.02, 919.16, 921.01-3, 921.01-7, 921.01-8, 921.01-14, 921.01-16, 921.10, 921.14, 921.301, 921.63, 924.07, 1101.03, 1101.06, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.04, 1105.01, 1105.10, 1105.14, 1111.05, 1111.08, 1111.11, 1113.01, 1113.06, 1115.03, 1115.04, 1115.08, 1115.09, 1115.10, 1115.13, 1115.15, 1133.01, 1133.21, 1133.22, 1137.01, 1139.04, 1141.06, 1141.08, 1141.09, 1141.10, 1141.11, 1141.12, 1145.02, 1145.06, 1145.24, 1145.41, 1145.78, 1145.84, 1145.87, 1145.92, 1147.11, 1147.13, 1147.14, 1147.19, 1149.02, 1149.09, 1150.03, 1150.35, 1150.39, 1153.01, 1160.03, 1160.06, 1162.01, 1167.01, 1167.03, 1305.10, 1501.02, 1505.05, 1505.09, 1507.05, 1507.11, 1507.23, 1507.24, 1507.25, 1713.0111, 1903.02, 1903.03, 1905.09, 1909.10, 1921.01, 1921.02, 1921.04, 1921.06, 1921.07, 1921.09, 1921.12, 1925.01, 1925.04, 1925.05, 1925.07, 1925.08, 1925.09, 1925.11, 1929.04, 1929.05, 1929.06, 1933.01, 1941.04, 2101.04, 2101.041, 2101.19, 2101.195, 2101.20, 2101.22, 2101.27, 2101.251, 2101.311, 2101.355, 2101.51, 2101.54, 2105.01, 2105.03, 2105.04, 2105.06, 2105.12, 2105.13, 2105.17, 2105.18, 2105.19, 2105.25, 2107.05, 2107.06, 2109.02, 2111.04, 2111.06, 2113.08, 2115.02, 2115.03, 2115.04, 2115.05, 2131.36, 2133.03, 2137.221, 2319.07, 2319.10, 2150.03, 2150.05, 2150.06, 2150.07, 2150.08, 2150.09, 2150.10, 2150.12, 2151.01, 2151.21, 2155.01, 2155.05, 2155.055, 2155.06, 2173.03, 2301.01, 2301.13, 2301.15, 2301.21, 2301.22, 2301.23, 2301.24, 2301.26, 2303.31, 2305.03, 2305.12, 2307.11, 2307.23, 2307.27, 2307.33, 2307.331, 2309.06, 2309.27, 2309.30, 2313.02, 2313.03, 2313.11, 2313.21, 2313.41, 2313.44, 2313.45, 2315.02, 2315.05, 2317.11, 2317.33, 2319.23, 2319.25, 2319.30, 2321.01, 2321.021, 2321.04,

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SECTION 3. That existing sections 105.01, 105.03, 127.03, 127.04, 127.05, 127.06, 1905.01, 1905.02, 1905.03, 1905.04, 1905.05, 1905.06, 1905.07, 1907.01, 1907.02, 1907.03, 1921.05, 1921.10, 1925.06, 1925.10, 1927.01, 1927.02, 1927.03, 1927.04, 1927.05, 1927.06, 1927.07, and 1927.08 of the Columbus City Codes are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.