



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 19, 2024

Re: Supplemental Memo – Expressing Support for the LGBTQ Community and Declaring the City of Columbia as a Safe Haven for Free Speech and Expression

Executive Summary

An amendment sheet containing additional language to add two subsections to the safe haven ordinance has been prepared for Council consideration. These two additional subsections would make the enforcement of any laws or regulations pertaining to the use of restroom facilities based on original sex identified at the birth or laws related to entertainment by male or female impersonators to be the lowest priority within the City.

Discussion

The draft ordinance provided by supporters of the safe haven ordinance contained two similar provisions; however, those provisions were struck as they sought to impose a contingent or speculative obligation to do "x" if "y" ever occurred. Such language which is speculative or contingent upon the possibility of the occurrence of a future event are valid in ordinance drafting. The revised language is an acceptable ordinance form.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
11/20/2023	SPC67-23 - Trent Rash and David Hall - Support of the City of Columbia becoming a designated sanctuary city for the LGBTQ+ community.



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12/18/2023	REP77-23 - Correspondence from the Human Rights Commission regarding LGBTQ+ Sanctuary City legislation.
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Suggested Council Action

None.