



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2019

Re: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 16 of the City Code to Prohibit the Practice of Conversion Therapy on Juveniles

Executive Summary

At the request of the City Council, an ordinance has been prepared that would prohibit licensed professionals from practicing conversion therapy on juveniles.

Discussion

Staff has prepared an ordinance to amend Chapter 16 of the City Code to prohibit licensed medical or mental health professionals from providing conversion or reparative therapy on a minor.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Unknown, as with any City Code violation, should violations of the ordinance be reported, there would be costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the violations.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
05/20/2019	REP43-19: Proposed amendment to Chapter 16 of the City Code to prohibit the practice of conversion ban therapy on juveniles.
02/18/2019	REP10-19: The Human Rights Commission recommended the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting licensed professionals from practicing conversion therapy on juveniles.
02/08/2019	R28-19: Expressed support for HB 516 to prohibit mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with a person under the age of 18.

Suggested Council Action

If the City Council is supportive of the proposed amendments to Chapter 16, staff recommends passage of the ordinance.