



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Re: Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to the definition of pedestrian and gender neutral language.

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

This bill would modernize the language in Chapter 14 relating to the definition of pedestrian and gender neutral language.

Discussion

At the request of Council member Sample, staff has prepared an ordinance to update the language of several sections contained in Chapter 14. These updates include the language in the definition of pedestrian to remove “electric wheelchair” and add “powered mobility device.” It also ensures the language throughout the Chapter is gender neutral.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

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
NA	NA

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the ordinance.