

ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2022

FROM: Andrea McCue, City Manager, Administration

Christy Goddeau, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-58 Opposing Conversion Therapy

BACKGROUND

In 2017, The City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the practice of conversion therapy on any minor with the City.

In the Case of Otto, et al vs. City of Boca Raton and County of Palm Beach, Florida, 981 F. 3d 854 (11th Cir. 2020) the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit found the City of Boca Raton's prohibition on conversion therapy to be an unconstitutional restriction on speech in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

ANALYSIS

The City Council recognizes the potential impacts of the Courts decision and as a result has repealed Section 8-74 of the City's Code of Ordinances but maintains the position that conversion therapy on minors is a practice that is contrary to the community standards to which Greenacres aspires and finds that opposing the practice of conversion therapy on minors is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

LEGAL

The City Attorney's Office has prepared this Resolution and any supporting documents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending approval of Resolution 2022-58.