

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2.44 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION AND CREATING SUBSECTION 7.04.060(C) PROHIBITED DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the Common Council reviewed a staff report on repealing the Equal Opportunities Commission at its May 5, 2026 council meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Equal Opportunities Commission has had little measurable outcomes over its history, with the most significant being the creation of a community flyer; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of Chapter 2.44 defines prohibited discriminatory practices which the City desires to maintain within its Ethics Code; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7.04.060 Fair and Equal Treatment is part of the City's Ethics Code and requires equal treatment for all citizens.

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 2.44 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: Whitewater Municipal Code subparagraph 7.04.060(C) is hereby created to read as follows:

7.04.060(C) It shall be a prohibited discriminatory practice for the City of Whitewater, or its officers or employees to do any of the following:

(1) To refuse to furnish services or facilities, whether ordinarily provided pursuant to legal duty or local custom, when such refusal is based to any degree on consideration of age, race, creed, color, disability, marital status, gender (or gender identity), national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation or military service.

(2) To aid or perpetuate discrimination against such individuals by funding an agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of age, race, creed, color, disability, marital status, gender (or gender identity), national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation or military service while directly providing City of Whitewater services or facility use opportunities.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

This Ordinance was introduced by Council Member _____, who moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-12

Seconded by Council Member _____.

DATE	First Meeting Date				Second Meeting Date			
READING	FIRST				SECOND			
	YES	NO	PASS	ABSENT	YES	NO	PASS	ABSENT
Michael Smith								
Orin Artsmith								
Steven Sahyun								
Brian Schanen								
Neil Hicks								
Gavin Kelleher								
Patrick Singer								
Total:								

ADOPTED: _____

John Weidl, City Manager

ATTEST:

Heather Boehm, City Clerk