

Rules of Construction

Recognizing All Genders Ordinance

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Amending Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to General Provisions: Rules of Construction.

What does the ordinance do?

This amendment will ensure that wherever gendered pronouns or references appear in city code, they now legally apply to all genders.

Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to General Provisions: Rules of Construction, amending Section 3.80 to read as follows:

3.80. - ~~Masculine, feminine or neuter~~ Gender References.

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the use of ~~either masculine, feminine or neuter~~ any gender in this Code ~~shall include the other~~ includes all genders.



ordinance?

Minneapolis is a city that celebrates and affirms the full diversity of its residents, including people of all gender identities and expressions. The current Minneapolis Code of Ordinances uses interpretive language rooted in a binary understanding of gender that fails to reflect who we are as a city and who our laws are meant to serve. Every resident deserves to feel seen and recognized in the laws that govern their lives, and our codes should reflect that.