

PHSE #3.1: All-gender and sexuality Welcoming City ordinance, Title 7.5

MOTION

By Chavez, Payne, Chughtai, and Chowdhury

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Chavez, Payne, Chughtai, and Chowdhury move to amend section 145.10 to read as follows:

145.10. - Purpose and policy statement. The City of Minneapolis declares that the rights to self-determination, bodily autonomy, and access to gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare are fundamental human rights. Protecting the lives and rights of Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and the other identities and experiences that fit within these communities (collectively “2SLGBTQIA+”) is necessary for the city’s public peace, health, and safety. The city has a long history of welcoming the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people will always be welcomed, loved, and appreciated in Minneapolis. The city’s civil rights ordinance banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in 1974. In 1975, the city amended its civil rights ordinance and became the first city in the United States to ban discrimination based on gender identity.

In 2022 the city and in 2023 the State of Minnesota issued executive orders to protect and support the rights of Minnesota’s 2SLGBTQIA+ community members to safely seek and receive gender affirming healthcare services. Our 2SLGBTQIA+ community members both locally and nationally continue to be negatively impacted by the proliferation of executive and legislative attacks that perpetuate a culture of discrimination, harassment, and barriers to equal opportunities for the community.

Studies suggest that 2SLGBTQIA+ people are over-represented in Minnesota’s unhoused population. 2SLGBTQIA+ over-representation increases to almost one-quarter for youth experiencing homelessness.

Minneapolis is home to people from diverse racial, ethnic, and gender identities and backgrounds and a place of refuge for people coming from places that do not have the same policies and protections. All residents and visitors, regardless of their gender identity, expression, or medical history, are valued and integral to our social, cultural, and economic community. The city is unwavering in its ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming and respectful atmosphere where everyone is accepted, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation. To further this commitment, the city values equal protection and equitable treatment for all residents and visitors. The city rejects and condemns in the strongest possible terms the horrific and discriminatory efforts to use government to erase the identity of 2SLGBTQIA+ people and drive them out of public life.

The city prioritizes using its limited resources to improve the health and safety of its residents and visitors. Gender-affirming care takes many forms, is evidence-based, and supported by peer-reviewed science and the lived experiences of transgender and gender expansive people. The city firmly rejects any attempts to weaponize government resources to disenfranchise or criminalize individuals for seeking or providing life-saving care that is legal in Minnesota.