



**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE  
Ordinance No. 1366**

An ordinance to amend Section 58-61 and 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add conviction of a misdemeanor crime to a class of activity protected from discrimination.

**1. THE CITY OF YPSILANTI HEREBY ORDAINS** That section 58-61 and 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code is hereby amended to add misdemeanor conviction as a class protected from discrimination as follows:

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- **ARTICLE III. - DISCRIMINATION**
- **DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY**
- **Sec. 58-61. - Intent.**

(a) It is the intent of the city that no person be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of their civil or political rights or be discriminated against because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression age, marital status, disability status, familial status, educational association, source of income, height or weight, felony or **misdemeanor** conviction (unless there is a direct relationship between the conviction offense and the housing, the job, the opportunity or unless hiring or accepting the person would create an unreasonable risk to property or safety).

(b) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any affirmative action laws passed by any level of government. Further, nothing in this article shall be construed to establish affirmative action for any of the classes defined herein.

(Ord. No. 865, § I, 12-16-1997; Ord. No. 1279, § 1, 1-24-2017; [Ord. No. 1357](#), § 1, 4-7-2020)

- **Sec. 58-62. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Age* means chronological age.

*Contractor* means a person who by contract furnishes services, materials or supplies. The term "contractor" does not include persons who are merely creditors or debtors of the city, such as those holding the city's notes or bonds or persons whose notes, bonds or stock is held by the city.

*Disability* means, with respect to an individual: a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment. A disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, [42](#) U.S.C §12102, shall qualify as a disability under this article.

*Discriminate* means to subject anyone to different or separate treatment, based in whole or in part, on the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, disability status, gender expression, familial status, educational association, height, weight, felony or **misdemeanor**. Discrimination based on sex includes sexual harassment, which means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

(1) Submission to such conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment, public accommodations or housing.

(2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting such individual's employment, public accommodations or housing.

(3) Such conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, public accommodations or housing, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, public accommodations, or housing environment.

(4) Prohibited conduct constitutes sexual harassment whether it occurs between people of the same or opposite sex.

*Educational association* means the fact of being enrolled or not enrolled at any educational institution.

*Employer* means a person employing five or more persons.

*Familial status* means the state of being related by blood or affinity to the fourth degree.

*Housing facility* means any dwelling unit or facility used for a person to regularly sleep and keep personal belongings including, but not limited to, a house, apartment, roominghouse, housing cooperative, hotel, motel, tourist home, retirement home or nursing home.

*Income* means, without limitation, any of the following:

- (1) Commissions, earnings, salaries, wages, and other income due or to be due in the future to an individual from his employer and successor employers.
- (2) A payment due or to be due in the future to an individual from a profit-sharing plan, a pension plan, an insurance contract, an annuity, social security, unemployment compensation, supplemental unemployment benefits, or worker's compensation.
- (3) An amount of money that is due to an individual as a debt of another individual, partnership, association, or private or public corporation, the United States or a federal agency, the state or a political subdivision of the state, another state, or another legal entity that is indebted to the individual.
- (4) Housing vouchers issued to an individual by the government of the United States, a federal agency, the State of Michigan, or any political subdivision thereof. This shall include, without limitation, vouchers issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to [42](#) USC §1437f. (5)

Student loans, grants, or scholarships provided to an individual by any legal entity.

*Marital status* means the state of being married, unmarried, divorced, separated or widowed.

*Place of public accommodation* means an educational, governmental, health, day care, entertainment, cultural, recreational, refreshment, transportation, financial institution, accommodation, business or other facility of any kind, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations are extended, offered, sold or otherwise made available to the public, or which receives financial support through the solicitation of the general public or through governmental subsidy of any kind.

*Sexual orientation* shall mean, emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attractions, or the absence thereof, to people. Sexual orientation also refers to a person's sense of identity based on those attractions, related behaviors, and membership in a community of others who share those attractions.

*Gender identity* shall mean, shall be defined as, an individual's internal sense of their own sex and a defining component of sex.

*Gender expression* shall be defined as, a gender-based appearance, expression, or behavior of an individual, regardless of the individual's assigned sex at birth.

(Ord. No. 865, § II, 12-16-1997; Ord. No. 1279, § 1, 1-24-2017; [Ord. No. 1321](#), § 1, 8-28-2018)

**Cross reference**— Definitions generally, [§ 1-2](#).

**2. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

**3. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**4. Savings Clause.** The balance of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, except as herein or previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect. The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending fee, assessments, litigation, or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

**5. Copies to be available.** Copies of the Ordinance are available at the office of the city clerk for inspection by, and distribution to, the public during normal office hours. A complete copy of the ordinance is also available for inspection on the City's website, [www.cityofypsilanti.com](http://www.cityofypsilanti.com).

**6. Publication and Effective Date.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of this Ordinance, to be published by printing the same in the publication of record. This Ordinance shall become effective after publication at the expiration of 30 days after adoption.

MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

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Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk

Attest

I do hereby confirm that the above Ordinance No. 1366 was published in The Washtenaw Legal News on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTING

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 6th day of October, 2020.

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Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk

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