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ORDINANCE NO. 15410

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE), CHAPTER 10.16 (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC DECENCY), SECTION 10.16.010 (DISCRIMINATION IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION—DECLARED UNLAWFUL) OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS FROM UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION. THE PENALTY AS BEING PROVIDED IN SECTION 10.16.050 OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, it is within the power and responsibility of government to bring about through fair, orderly and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain goods and services in all process of public accommodation without regard to discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Title 10 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), Chapter 10.16 (Offenses Against Public Decency), Section 10.16.010 (Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation—Declared Unlawful) of the El Paso Municipal Code, does not include certain classifications from discrimination which are otherwise recognized and governed under local, state and federal laws, regulations and policies concerning discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Title 10, Chapter 10.16, Section 10.16.010 of the El Paso Municipal Code to include certain classifications from discrimination, which are recognized and governed by local, state and federal laws, regulations and policies governing discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That Title 10 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), Chapter 10.16 (Offenses Against Public Decency), Section 10.16.010 (Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation—Declared Unlawful) be amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation, or any agent, servant or employee thereof within the City, to refuse, deny or withhold from any person, for any reason directly or indirectly relating to the race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, religion, ethnic background or national origin of such person, any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or services offered to the general public by place of public accommodation.

Except as herein amended, all other provisions of Section 10.16.010 shall remain in force and unchanged.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of **April, 2003**.

THE CITY OF EL PASO



Raymond C. Caballero
Mayor

ATTEST:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lee Ann B. Koehler
Assistant City Attorney