

Item # 51  
11/16/2021

(O-2022-22)

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 21397 (NEW SERIES)

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE NOV 29 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1,  
DIVISION 2 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY  
ADDING NEW SECTION 11.0211, RELATING TO GENDER-  
NEUTRAL LANGUAGE IN CODE AMENDMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego and the City government represents, supports, and serves all residents throughout the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and ten other states, as well as the federal government, have enacted polices allowing for the issuance of third gender or gender-neutral identification; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives in January 2021 approved House Resolution 8, the rules package for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, which introduced using non-binary, non-gendered language in official Congressional documents; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to promote inclusivity for non-binary and transgendered people in the City and for those who are governed by the City's laws; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Article 1, Division 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by adding new section 11.0211 to read as follows:

**11.0211 Gender-Neutral Language in Municipal Code Amendments**

Unless otherwise required by law, all amendments to this Code shall be drafted using gender-neutral pronouns or reusing nouns to avoid the use of gendered or binary pronouns when referring to a person or group of people.

Section 2. That a full reading of this Ordinance is dispensed with prior to passage, a written copy having been made available to the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Heather M. Ferbert  
Heather M. Ferbert  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

HMF:sc  
09/14/2021  
Or.Dept: Council District 7  
Doc. No.: 2760617

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of NOV 16 2021.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11/29/21  
(date)

Todd Gloria  
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

**STRIKEOUT ORDINANCE**

**OLD LANGUAGE: ~~Struck-Out~~**

**NEW LANGUAGE: Double Underline**

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09/15/2021  
Or.Dept: Council District 7  
Doc. No.: 2760664

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on NOV 16 2021, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Connie Patterson, Deputy

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

NOV 02 2021

NOV 29 2021

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to passage or that such reading was dispensed with by a vote of five members of the Council, and that a written copy of the ordinance was made available to each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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