

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 6-10 OF MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING SECTIONS 6-10-010 AND 6-10-020 TO INCLUDE ANTISEMITISM AS DISCRIMINATION IN CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

[O2025-0019984]

The Committee on Public Safety submitted the following report:

CHICAGO, January 21, 2026.

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred an ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 6-10 by modifying Sections 6-10-010 and 6-10-020 to include antisemitism as discrimination in the Chicago City Council declaration of general human rights (O2025-0019984), having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body *Pass* the proposed ordinance transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, with no dissenting votes, on January 20, 2026.

Sincerely,

(Signed) BRIAN HOPKINS,
Chair.

On motion of Alderperson Hopkins, the said proposed ordinance transmitted with the foregoing committee report was *Passed* by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas -- Alderpersons La Spata, Hopkins, Dowell, Robinson, Yancy, Hall, Mitchell, Harris, Beale, Chico, Lee, Ramirez, Quinn, Gutiérrez, Lopez, Coleman, Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Taylor, Mosley, Rodríguez, Tabares, Scott, Sigcho-Lopez, Fuentes, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Cruz, Cardona, Waguespack, Rodríguez-Sánchez, Conway, Quezada, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Nugent, Vasquez, Napolitano, Reilly, Knudsen, Lawson, Gardiner, Clay, Martin, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Hadden, Silverstein -- 50.

Nays -- None.

Alderperson Mitchell moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.

The following is said ordinance as passed:

SECTION 1. Section 6-10 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and by adding the language underscored, as follows:

6-10-010 Declaration of City policy.

It is the policy of the City of Chicago to assure that all persons within its jurisdiction shall have equal access to public services and shall be protected in the enjoyment of civil rights, and to promote mutual understanding and respect among all who live and work within this city. The City Council of the City of Chicago hereby declares and affirms:

That prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism and the discrimination occasioned thereby, and sexual harassment, threaten the rights and proper privileges of the City's inhabitants and menace the institutions and foundation of a free and democratic society; and

That behavior which denies equal treatment to any individual because of that individual's race, color, sex, gender identity, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military status, source of income, credit history (within the meaning of Section 6-10-053), or criminal history (within the meaning of Section 6-10-054) undermines civil order and deprives persons of the benefits of a free and open society.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as supporting or advocating any particular lifestyle or religious view. To the contrary, it is the intention of this chapter that all persons be treated fairly and equally, and it is the express intent of this chapter to guarantee to all of our residents fair and equal treatment under law.

6-10-020 Definitions.

Whenever used in this chapter:

“Age” means chronological age of not less than 40 years.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

“Religion” means all aspects of religious observance and practice, as well as belief, except that with respect to employers “religion” has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 6-10-050.

“Antisemitism” means a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities, as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION OR HARASSMENT TARGETING INDIVIDUALS BASED ON POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

[R2025-0019997]

The Committee on Public Safety submitted the following report:

CHICAGO, January 21, 2026.

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred a resolution calling for the condemnation of acts of violence, intimidation or harassment targeting individuals based on political or religious beliefs (R2025-0019997), having the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that Your Honorable Body *Adopt* the proposed resolution transmitted herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by a unanimous vote of the committee members present, with no dissenting votes, on January 20, 2026.

Sincerely,

(Signed) BRIAN HOPKINS,
Chair.