

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 67 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SHANE COHN,**  
2 **PRESIDENT LEWIS REED**

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4 An ordinance intended to eliminate, reduce and remedy discrimination in housing,  
5 employment, education, services, public accommodations, and real property transactions  
6 and uses, to provide equal opportunity enforcement, and to bring the laws of the City of  
7 St. Louis into substantial compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Act by amending  
8 Sections Two, Five, Seven, Eight and Nine of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006  
9 and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

10 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

11 **SECTION ONE.** Section Two of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006, is  
12 hereby amended to read as follows:

13 Section Two. Definition of Terms.

14 As used in this ordinance, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the  
15 context in which used, the following terms and phrases shall be taken to have the  
16 meaning ascribed to them in this section, to wit:

17 (1) "Academic, professional or vocational school" includes any person who  
18 trains and teaches individuals to engage in any trade, business, profession, calling or  
19 vocational pursuit.

20 (2) "Act" means the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S. C. 3601, et seq.

21 (3) "Age" means an age of forty or more years but less than seventy years,  
22 except that it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to require the  
23 compulsory retirement of any person who has attained the age of sixty-five and who, for  
24 the two-year period immediately before retirement, is employed in a bona fide executive  
25 or high policy-making position, if such person is entitled to an immediate nonforfeitable

1 annual retirement benefit from a pension, profit sharing, savings or deferred  
2 compensation plan, or any combination of such plans, of the employer, which equals, in  
3 the aggregate, at least forty-four thousand dollars.

4 (4) "Agency" means the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency.

5 (5) "Aggrieved person" includes any person who:

6 (a) claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice; or

7 (b) believes that such person will be injured by a discriminatory housing  
8 practice that is about to occur.

9 (6) "Commission" means the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Commission;

10 (7) "Commissioner" means a member of the St. Louis Civil Rights  
11 Enforcement Commission.

12 (8) "Complainant" shall mean a person who has filed a complaint with the  
13 Agency alleging that another person has engaged in a prohibited discriminatory practice,  
14 or a person who has joined in such a complaint after its initial filing.

15 (9) "Conciliation" means the attempted resolution of issues raised by a  
16 complaint, or by the investigation of such complaint, through informal negotiations  
17 involving the aggrieved person, the respondent and the Commission and/or the  
18 Commission's agent.

19 (10) "Conciliation agreement" means a written agreement setting forth the  
20 resolution of the issues in conciliation.

21 (11) As used in '9(C)(2)(c) of this ordinance, the term "Covered Multifamily  
22 Dwelling" means:

1 (a) buildings consisting of 4 or more units if such buildings have one or more  
2 elevators; and

3 (b) ground floor units in other buildings consisting of 4 or more units.

4 (12) "Director" means the Executive Director of the St. Louis Civil Rights  
5 Enforcement Agency.

6 (13) "Disability" or "Handicap" means, with respect to a person:

7 (a) a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of  
8 such person's major life activities;

9 (b) a record of having such impairment; or

10 (c) being regarded as having such an impairment, but such term does not  
11 include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance (as defined by  
12 Section 195.010 R.S.Mo.), however, a person may be considered to be disabled if that  
13 person:

14 (i) Has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program  
15 and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of, and is not currently addicted to, a  
16 controlled substance or has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully and is no longer  
17 engaging in such use and is not currently addicted;

18 (ii) Is participating in a supervised rehabilitation program and is no longer  
19 engaging in illegal use of controlled substances; or

20 (iii) Is erroneously regarded as currently illegally using, or being addicted  
21 to, a controlled substance.

1 (14) "Discriminatory housing practice" or "Discriminatory practice" means an  
2 act that is unlawful under section 3604, 3605, 3606, or 3617 of the Fair Housing Act, or  
3 is otherwise prohibited by the provisions of this ordinance.

4 (15) "Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is  
5 occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more  
6 families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or  
7 location thereon of any such building, structure, or portion thereof.

8 (16) "Employer" included any person who employs six or more persons  
9 exclusive of that person's parents, spouse or children.

10 (17) "Employment agency" includes any person undertaking for compensation  
11 to procure opportunities to work or to procure, recruit, refer or place employees.

12 (18) "Familial status" means one or more individuals (who have not attained  
13 the age of 18 years) being domiciled with--

14 (a) a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or  
15 individuals; or

16 (b) the designee of such parent or other person having such custody, with the  
17 written permission of such parent or other person;

18 The protection afforded by this ordinance against discrimination on the basis of  
19 familial status shall apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing  
20 legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

21 (19) "Family" includes a single individual.

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1           (20) "Financial Institution" means bank, banking organization, mortgage  
2 company, insurance company, investment company or other lender to whom application  
3 is made for financial assistance for the purchase, lease, acquisition, construction,  
4 rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of real property, or an individual  
5 employed by or acting on behalf of or as agent of any of these.

6           **(21) "Gender Identity and Expression" means an inner sense of being a**  
7 **specific gender, or the expression, intended or unintended, of a gender identity by**  
8 **verbal statement, appearance, or mannerisms, or other gender-related**  
9 **characteristics of an individual with or without regard to the individual's designated**  
10 **sex at birth.**

11           (22) As used in ' 9(C)(3)(c) of this ordinance, the term "Housing for Older  
12 Persons" means housing:

13           (a) provided under any state or federal program that the Secretary of the  
14 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has determined is  
15 specifically designed and operated to assist elderly persons;

16           (b) intended for, and solely occupied by, persons 62 years of age or older; or

17           (c) intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of  
18 age or older per unit:

19           (i) in which at least eighty percent of the units are occupied by at least one  
20 person 55 years of age or older; and

21           (ii) for which management has published and adheres to policies and  
22 procedures which demonstrate an intent by the owner or manager to provide housing for  
23 persons 55 years of age or older.

1 (d) that complies with rules issued by the Secretary for verification of  
2 occupancy, which shall:

3 (i) provide for verification by reliable surveys and affidavits; and

4 (ii) include examples of the types of policies and procedures relevant to a  
5 determination of compliance with the requirement of clause (ii) above. Such surveys and  
6 affidavits shall be admissible in administrative and judicial proceedings for the purposes  
7 of such verification.

8 (e) housing shall not fail to meet the requirements for housing for older  
9 persons by reason of:

10 (i) persons residing therein as of September 13, 1988 who do not meet the  
11 age requirements set out in subparagraphs (b) or (c) of this definition, provided that new  
12 occupants of such housing do meet said age requirements; or

13 (ii) unoccupied units, provided that such units are reserved for persons  
14 who meet the relevant age requirement of subparagraphs (b) or (c) of this definition.

15 (23) "Individual" means one or more individuals.

16 (24) "Labor organization" includes any organization which exists for the  
17 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or of dealing with employers  
18 concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or for other mutual aid or  
19 protection in relation to employment.

20 (25) "Person" includes one or more individuals, partnerships, associations,  
21 unincorporated organizations, corporations, mutual companies, joint stock companies,  
22 legal representatives, trusts, trustees, labor organizations, fiduciaries, trustees in  
23 bankruptcy, and/or receivers.

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1           (26) "Places of Public Accommodation" means all places or businesses offering  
2 or holding out to the general public services or facilities for the comfort, health and safety  
3 of such general public, including, but not limited to, public places providing food, shelter,  
4 recreation and amusement.

5           (27) "Prevailing party" has the same meaning as such term has in 42 U.S.C. '  
6 1988 and ' 802(o) of the Act.

7           (28) "Real Estate Broker" or "Real Estate Salesman" means any person,  
8 whether licensed or not, who, on behalf of others, for a fee, commission, salary or other  
9 valuable consideration, or who with the intention or the expectation of receiving or  
10 collecting the same, lists, sells, purchases, exchanges, rents or leases real estate, or the  
11 improvement thereon, including options, or who negotiates or attempts to negotiate on  
12 behalf of others such an activity; or who advertises or holds himself out as engaged in  
13 such activities; or who negotiates or attempts to negotiate on behalf of others, a loan  
14 secured by mortgage or other encumbrance upon a transfer of real estate, or who is  
15 engaged in the business of charging an advance fee or contracting for collection of a fee  
16 in connection with a contract whereby he undertakes to promote the sale, purchase,  
17 exchange, rental or lease of real estate through its listing in a publication issued primarily  
18 for such purpose; or an individual employed by or acting on behalf of any of these.

19           For the purpose of this Section, a person shall be deemed to have engaged in  
20 the activities set out above if:

21           (i) the person has, within the preceding twelve (12) months, participated as a  
22 principal in three (3) or more transactions involving such activities; or

1 (ii) the person has, within the preceding twelve (12) months, participated as  
2 agent, other than in connection with the person's own personal residence, in two (2) or  
3 more transactions involving such activities; or

4 (iii) the person is the owner of any Dwelling designed or intended for  
5 occupancy by, or occupied by, five (5) or more families.

6 (29) "Realty" includes real estate, lands, buildings, structures, housing  
7 accommodations, dwellings, tenements, leaseholds, cooperatives, condominiums, and  
8 hereditaments, corporeal or incorporeal, or any interest in the above.

9 (30) "Respondent" shall mean a person or other entity who is alleged to have  
10 engaged in a prohibited discriminatory practice in a complaint filed with the Agency, or a  
11 person or other entity who has been substituted for the originally named respondent, or a  
12 person or other entity who has been added as a party respondent, subsequent to the initial  
13 filing of the complaint, pursuant to investigation conducted by the Agency; provided,  
14 however, that substituted or added persons or entities shall be notified as required in  
15 Section 810(a) of the Fair Housing Act.

16 (31) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

17 (32) "State" means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
18 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any of the territories and possessions of the United  
19 States.

20 (33) "To rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let and otherwise to grant for a  
21 consideration the right to occupy premises not owned by the occupant.

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1           **SECTION TWO.** Section Five of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006, is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 Section Five. Function and Duties of the Commission.

4       (1) The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, the Board of  
5 Aldermen and the Director for the purposes of furthering amicable relations among the  
6 various segments of the population, which together comprise the citizenry of the City of  
7 St. Louis; to help preserve and further the good name of St. Louis for tolerance and fair  
8 play and promote better relations among its people; to help make it possible for each  
9 citizen, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, familial  
10 status, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, national origin or ancestry, or  
11 legal source of income to develop talents and abilities without limitation; and to aid in  
12 permitting the community to benefit from the fullest realization of its human resources. In  
13 order to accomplish the objectives herein set out, the Commission shall advise and confer  
14 with the Mayor and other officers of the City on problems affecting human and inter-  
15 group relations; make studies, surveys and investigations to provide accurate data for  
16 orderly and constructive community development, and to recommend such measures as  
17 are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives for which the commission has been  
18 created; consult with and obtain cooperation and coordinated effort on the part of all  
19 agencies, both private and public, which function in the field of human relations, schools,  
20 law enforcement agencies, welfare organizations, youth and similar groups; utilize the  
21 resources of individuals and groups toward the improvement of inter-group relations;  
22 enlist all potential community forces in an effort to make more secure and to extend  
23 democratic rights, opportunities and practices; influence and encourage community

1 support for educational programs; and where appropriate, draft, propose or support  
2 legislation designed to: (a) combat those misconceptions, prejudices and untruths which  
3 tend to set group against group; (b) reduce tensions created by ignorance and bigotry; and  
4 (c) eliminate discriminatory practices arising from prejudice.

5 (2) The Commission shall review the record made in a contested case before a hearing  
6 officer, consider the recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and order of said  
7 hearing officer and shall thereafter accept or amend the recommended findings of fact,  
8 conclusions of law and order. Such action may be taken by a panel of not less than three  
9 members of the Commission, and any order made by such panel shall become the final  
10 order of the Commission. Neither the retention of hearing officers pursuant to Section  
11 Eight hereof nor the appointment of such panel shall be construed as a delegation or  
12 contracting out of the Commission's decision-making authority to a non-governmental  
13 authority in violation of 24 C.F.R. 115.202(f). In any contested case, the final  
14 determination shall be made solely by the Commission.

15 **SECTION THREE.** Section Seven of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006, is  
16 hereby amended to read as follows:

17 Section Seven. Powers and Duties of the Commission.

18 The commission is hereby empowered:

19 (1) to recommend action to safeguard all individuals within the jurisdiction from  
20 discrimination because of race, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, **gender**  
21 **identity or expression**, sex, color, age, religion, disability, national origin or ancestry, or  
22 legal source of income;

1 (2) upon recommendation of the Director, to accept grants, gifts, or bequests, public or  
2 private, to help finance the activities of the Commission or Civil Rights Enforcement  
3 Agency and to enter into cooperative arrangements with other jurisdictions or agencies  
4 for the production and dissemination of educational materials and/or programs;

5 (3) to enact by a majority vote of its members such rules and regulations as it may  
6 deem necessary for governance of the Commission and to carry out the functions  
7 assigned to it hereunder. Such rules and regulations shall be signed by the Chairman and  
8 attested to by the Director. Once so signed and attested, rules and regulations  
9 promulgated by the Commission shall be transmitted to the Missouri Commission on  
10 Human Rights for review. Upon approval by the Missouri Commission, a copy of said  
11 rules and regulations shall be filed with the Register of the City of St. Louis;

12 (4) to render to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen a full written report of all of its  
13 activities and of its recommendations on an annual basis;

14 (5) to advise and consult with the Civil Service Commission and local offices  
15 controlled by state statute to effectuate the policies of this ordinance and applicable  
16 federal laws;

17 (6) to appoint a panel composed of not less than three members of the Commission, or  
18 to act as the Commission as a whole, to review the record made before a hearing officer  
19 in a contested hearing, to review that hearing officer's proposed findings of fact,  
20 conclusions of law and order, and to accept or amend such proposed findings of fact,  
21 conclusions of law and order, which shall become a final order of the Commission; and

22 (7) to issue such affirmative orders in contested cases as authorized by state statute.

1           **SECTION FOUR.** Section Eight of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006, is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3           Section Eight. Powers and Duties of the Executive Director.

4           The Executive Director is hereby empowered:

5           (1) to provide for execution within the City of St. Louis of the policies  
6 embodied in this ordinance, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the  
7 Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended and Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes  
8 of the State of Missouri;

9           (2) to receive, initiate, investigate, make probable cause findings with regard to,  
10 and make recommendations concerning, violations of equal employment, fair housing  
11 and/or public accommodation provisions of Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes of the  
12 State of Missouri, as authorized therein, and/or of ordinances, orders, or resolutions  
13 forbidding discrimination which have been adopted or enacted by the City;

14           (3) issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of  
15 evidence relevant to the matter in question for investigatory and determinative purposes  
16 and to enforce such subpoena in Circuit Court;

17           (4) to write, edit and produce educational materials and to arrange, sponsor,  
18 promote and/or participate in educational programs intended to reduce or eliminate bias  
19 or discrimination against persons or groups based upon the race, color, sex, disability,  
20 national origin, ancestry, familial status or size, religion or sexual orientation, **gender**  
21 **identity or expression**, or legal source of income of such person or group;

22           (5) to enter into deferral or other cooperative working agreements with the  
23 United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, United States Department of

1 Housing and Urban Development, Missouri Commission on Human Rights, and/or any  
2 other federal, state or local agency which is empowered to take action, enter into  
3 agreements, or make grants for the purpose of reducing or eliminating discrimination.

4 (6) to refer a matter under its jurisdiction to the Missouri Commission on  
5 Human Rights for initial action or review;

6 (7) should a finding of probable cause be made and the Director be unable to  
7 successfully conciliate the complaint, to issue administrative charges of violation of this  
8 ordinance;

9 (8) to recommend to the Commission acceptance of grant agreements, gifts and  
10 bequests;

11 (9) to hire attorneys to act as hearing officers to hold hearings on charges issued  
12 by the Director;

13 (10) where a hearing is held before the Commission on a charge issued by the  
14 Director, to present evidence and testimony before the Commission relative to such  
15 charge;

16 (11) to refer potential ordinance violations to the City Counselor for  
17 prosecution in municipal court;

18 (12) if the Director determines at any time subsequent to filing of a complaint  
19 that prompt judicial action is necessary to effectuate the purposes of the equal  
20 employment, fair housing or public accommodation provisions of Chapter 213 of the  
21 Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri and/or of ordinances, orders or resolutions  
22 forbidding discrimination which have been adopted or enacted by the City, the Director  
23 may authorize the City Counselor to file a civil action seeking issuance of an appropriate

1 temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief. Upon receiving notice of such  
2 authorization, the City Counselor shall promptly file and maintain such action in the  
3 Missouri Circuit Court. The filing of such an action shall in no way affect or interfere  
4 with the initiation of a complaint or continuation of administrative proceedings thereon,  
5 pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance;

6 (13) to delegate any of his powers or duties provided for by this or any other  
7 ordinance to one or more staff employees of the Agency, except that (a) all charges  
8 referred to the Commission for hearing must be signed by the Director and (b) all  
9 subpoenas issued pursuant hereto must also be signed by the Director.

10 **SECTION FIVE.** Section Nine of Ordinance 67119, approved June 13, 2006, is  
11 hereby amended to read as follows:

12 Section Nine. Prohibited Discriminatory Practices.

13 (A) Discriminatory practices, as defined and established by this section, are  
14 prohibited. Any person engaging in a prohibited discriminatory practice shall be guilty of  
15 an ordinance violation, which shall be punishable in the manner set out in Section 17 of  
16 this ordinance.

17 (B) DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. It shall be a prohibited  
18 discriminatory employment practice:

19 (1) For an employer to fail or refuse to hire, to discharge or otherwise to  
20 discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation or the terms, conditions  
21 or privileges of employment, because of race, color, age, religion, sex, familial status,  
22 disability, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, national origin or ancestry.

1                   (2) For a labor organization to exclude or expel from membership, or  
2 otherwise to discriminate against any applicant or member, because of race, color, age,  
3 religion, sex, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, **gender identity or**  
4 **expression**, national origin or ancestry of any applicant or member;

5                   (3) For an employment agency to fail or refuse to refer for employment, or  
6 otherwise to discriminate against any individual because of race, color, age, religion, sex,  
7 familial status, disability, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, national  
8 origin or ancestry of said individual;

9                   (4) For an employer, labor organization or employment agency to print or  
10 circulate or cause to be printed or circulated, any statement, advertisement or publication,  
11 or to make any inquiry in connection with prospective employment, which expresses  
12 directly or indirectly any preference, limitation, specification or discrimination because of  
13 race, color, age, religion, sex, familial status, sexual orientation, **gender identity or**  
14 **expression**, disability, national origin or ancestry, unless based upon a bona fide  
15 occupational qualification.

16                   (5) Notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of subsection B of this  
17 section, the age prohibition shall be limited to individuals who are at least forty (40) years  
18 of age, but less than seventy years of age.

19                   (6) For an academic, professional or vocational school to exclude or expel  
20 from enrollment, or otherwise to discriminate against any applicant or student, because of  
21 the race, color, religion, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or  
22 ancestry of said applicant or student.

1                   (7) For an academic, professional or vocational school to or circulate or  
2 cause to be printed or circulated, a statement, advertisement or publication, or to use any  
3 form of application for admission to said school, or to make any inquiry in connection  
4 with prospective enrollment in said school, which expresses directly or indirectly any  
5 preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination because of race, color, religion,  
6 sexual orientation, familial status, disability, national origin or ancestry.

7                   (8) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for a school, college,  
8 university or other educational institution which is, in whole or in substantial part, owned,  
9 supported, controlled or managed by a particular religion, or by a particular religious  
10 corporation, association, or society, if the curriculum of such school, college, university  
11 or other educational institution is substantially directed toward the propagation or  
12 teaching of a particular religion, for such school, college, university or educational  
13 institution to consider the religion of an applicant in making a hiring decision for a  
14 teaching or counseling position, a professorship, or a position involving supervision of  
15 teachers, counselors or professors.

16                   (9) Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be interpreted to require any  
17 employer, employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor management committee  
18 subject to this ordinance to grant or accord preferential treatment to any individual or  
19 group because of the race, color, national origin or ancestry of such individual or group  
20 because or on account of an imbalance which may exist with respect to the total number  
21 or percentage of persons of any race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, **gender**  
22 **identity or expression**, familial status, disability, national origin or ancestry employed  
23 by any employer, referred or classified for employment by any employment agency or



1 labor organization, admitted to membership or classified by any labor organization, or  
2 admitted to, or employed in, any apprenticeship or other training program, in comparison  
3 with the total number or percentage of persons of such race, color, religion, sexual  
4 orientation, **gender identity or expression**, familial status, disability, national origin or  
5 ancestry in this community, or in the available work force in this community.

6 (C) DISCRIMINATION IN PROVISION OF HOUSING OR REALTY.

7 (1) Prohibited Discriminatory Housing or Realty Practices. It shall be a  
8 prohibited housing or realty practice and shall constitute a discriminatory housing  
9 practice:

10 (a) For any person, including, without limitation any real estate broker,  
11 salesman or agent, or any employee thereof, to discriminate against any individual  
12 because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**,  
13 familial status, legal source of income, disability, national origin or ancestry, with respect  
14 to the use, enjoyment or transfer, or prospective use, enjoyment or transfer, of any  
15 interest whatsoever in realty, or with respect to the terms, conditions, privileges or  
16 services granted or rendered in connection therewith, or with respect to the making or  
17 purchasing of loans for the purchase or maintenance of residential real estate or loans in  
18 the secondary market, or the provision of other financial assistance, or with respect to the  
19 terms, conditions, privileges or services granted or rendered in connection with any  
20 interest whatsoever in realty, or with respect to the making of loans secured by residential  
21 real estate;

22 (b) For any person, including, without limitation, any banking, money  
23 lending, credit securing or other financial institution, or any officer, agent or employee

1 thereof, to discriminate against any individual because of race, marital status, familial  
2 status, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, disability,  
3 national origin or ancestry, with respect to the granting or withholding of credit or  
4 financial assistance, or the extending or renewing of credit or financial assistance, or  
5 modifying of rates, terms, conditions, privileges or other provisions of credit or financial  
6 assistance, or services retained or rendered, in connection with the transfer or prospective  
7 transfer of any interest whatsoever in realty, or in connection with the construction,  
8 repair, improvement or rehabilitation of realty;

9 (c) For any real estate broker, salesman or agent, or any employee thereof,  
10 or any other person seeking financial gain thereby, directly or indirectly to induce or  
11 solicit, or attempt to induce or solicit, the transfer of any interest whatsoever in realty, by  
12 making or distributing, or causing to be made or distributed, any statement or  
13 representation concerning the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a  
14 person or persons of a particular race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability,  
15 familial status, national origin or ancestry or with a particular source of lawful income;

16 (d) For any person to refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide  
17 offer, or to refuse to negotiate the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny  
18 a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, legal source  
19 of income, disability, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, national origin  
20 or ancestry;

21 (e) For any person to discriminate against any other person in the terms,  
22 conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or  
23 facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status,

1 legal source of income sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, disability,  
2 national origin, or ancestry;

3 (f) For any person to make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed,  
4 or published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a  
5 dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color,  
6 religion sex, familial status, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, **gender identity**  
7 **or expression**, disability, national origin, or ancestry, or an intention to make any such  
8 preference, limitation, or discrimination;

9 (g) For any person to represent to another person because of race, color,  
10 religion sex, familial status, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, **gender identity**  
11 **or expression**, disability, national origin, or ancestry that any dwelling is not available  
12 for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is, in fact, so available;

13 (h) For any person to deny any other person access to or membership or  
14 participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other  
15 service, organization or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or  
16 to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or  
17 participation on account of race, color, religion sex, familial status, sexual orientation,  
18 **gender identity or expression**, disability, national origin, or ancestry.

19 (i) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person engaged in the business of  
20 furnishing appraisals of real property may take into consideration factors other than race,  
21 color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**,  
22 handicap or familial status.

1 (2) Discrimination Against Persons With Disabilities. For purposes of this  
2 subsection, the term "discriminatory practice" includes:

3 (a) discrimination against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges  
4 of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection  
5 with such dwelling, or in the sale or rental or otherwise making unavailable or denying a  
6 dwelling to any buyer or renter because of a handicap of:

7 (i) that person; or

8 (ii) a person residing in or intending to reside in that dwelling after it is  
9 so sold, rented, or made available; or

10 (iii) any person associated with that person, provided, however, that a  
11 refusal to make available a unit for rent shall not be a discriminatory practice if such  
12 potential renter, the person with one or more disabilities, or a person on behalf of a  
13 person with disabilities seeks modifications to the rental property but the potential renter  
14 is unable or unwilling to pay the expense of such modifications or provide the agreement  
15 to restore the premises, where it is reasonable to do so, in accordance with the provisions  
16 of subparagraph 2(b) below.

17 (b) a refusal to permit, at the expense of a person with disabilities, or  
18 another person on behalf of a person with disabilities, reasonable modifications of  
19 existing premises occupied or to be occupied by such person with disabilities, if such  
20 modifications may be necessary or desirable to afford the person with disabilities full  
21 enjoyment of the premises, except that, in the case of a rental unit, the landlord may,  
22 where it is reasonable to do so, condition permission for a modification on the renter

1 agreeing to restore the interior of the premises to the condition that existed before the  
2 modification, reasonable wear and tear excepted;

3 (c) a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies,  
4 practices, or services, when such accommodation may be necessary to afford such person  
5 an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling; and

6 (d) in connection with the design and construction of a covered  
7 multifamily dwelling for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, a failure to design and  
8 construct such dwelling, in a manner that complies with the Fair Housing Act and its  
9 implementing regulations.

10 Notwithstanding the above, compliance with the appropriate requirements of  
11 the American National Standard for buildings and facilities providing accessibility for  
12 persons with physical disabilities (commonly cited as "ANSI A117.1") suffices to satisfy  
13 certain requirements of the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and  
14 nothing in this section shall require a dwelling to be made available to a person whose  
15 occupancy would cause a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals or  
16 would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others.

17 (3) Exemptions.

18 (a) None of the provisions of subsection (C) of section 9, except  
19 subparagraph (C)(1)(f) thereof, shall apply to:

20 (i) any single-family house sold or rented by an owner, provided that:  
21 such private individual owner does not own more than three single-family dwellings at  
22 any one time; that in the case of the sale of any single-family dwelling by a private owner  
23 who was not the most recent resident of such house prior to such sale, the exemption

1 granted herein shall apply only with respect to one such sale within any twenty-four  
2 month period, if such bona fide private individual owner does not own any interest in, nor  
3 is there owned or reserved any interest on his behalf, under any express or voluntary  
4 agreement, title to or rental of, or any right to all or a portion of the proceeds from the  
5 sale or rental of, more than three single-family dwellings at one time; the sale or rental of  
6 any single family dwelling shall be excepted from the application of this subsection only  
7 if such house is sold or rented (A) without the use in any manner of the sales or rental  
8 facilities or the sales or rental services of any real estate broker, agent, or salesman, or of  
9 such facilities or services of any person in the business of selling or renting dwellings, or  
10 of any employee or agent of any such broker, agent, salesman, or of such facilities or  
11 services of any person in the business of selling or renting dwellings, or of any employee  
12 or agent of any such broker, and (B) without the publication, posting or mailing, after  
13 notice, of any advertisement or written notice in violation of paragraph (1)(f) of this  
14 subsection; except that nothing herein shall prohibit the use of attorneys, escrow agents,  
15 abstractors, title companies, and other such professional assistance as necessary to perfect  
16 or transfer title; or

17 (ii) rooms or units in dwellings containing living quarters occupied or  
18 intended to be occupied by no more than four families living independently of each other,  
19 if the owner actually maintains and occupies one of such living quarters as his residence.

20 (b) Nothing in subsection (C) of section 9 shall prohibit a religious  
21 organization, association, or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated,  
22 supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association, or  
23 society, from limiting the sale, rental or occupancy of dwellings which it owns or

1 operates for other than a commercial purpose to persons of the same religion, or from  
2 giving preference to such person, unless membership in such religion is restricted on  
3 account of race, color, national origin or disability. Nor shall anything in this subchapter  
4 prohibit a private club not in fact open to the public, which as an incident to its primary  
5 purpose or purposes provides lodgings which it owns or operates for other than a  
6 commercial purpose, from limiting the rental or occupancy of such lodgings to its  
7 members or from giving preference to its members.

8 (c) The provisions of subsection (C) of section 9 regarding familial status  
9 shall not apply with respect to housing for older persons.

10 (D) DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

11 It shall be a prohibited discriminatory public accommodation practice for any  
12 person, including without limitation, any owner, lessee, manager, proprietor, custodian,  
13 agent or employee of a place of public accommodation, to discriminate against any  
14 individual because of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, **gender identity or**  
15 **expression**, familial status, legal source of income, disability, national origin or ancestry,  
16 with respect to the terms, conditions and privileges of access to or with respect to the  
17 uses, services and enjoyment of a place of public accommodation.

18 (E) DISCRIMINATION IN CITY ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS.

19 No person shall, on the ground of race, marital status, color, age, religion,  
20 sexual orientation, **gender identity or expression**, familial status, disability, national  
21 origin or ancestry, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be  
22 subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving funding or other  
23 financial assistance or relief directly or indirectly from the City of St. Louis.

1 (F) UNLAWFUL INTIMIDATION OR RETALIATION.

2 It shall be a prohibited discriminatory practice for any person, directly or  
3 indirectly, to discriminate, coerce, intimidate, threaten, interfere with, or retaliate against  
4 any person because he has: opposed any practice made unlawful by this Ordinance; has  
5 exercised his rights, or encouraged another to exercise his rights under this Ordinance; or  
6 because he has filed a complaint, cooperated with an investigation of an alleged  
7 prohibited discriminatory practice, testified at a hearing held by the Commission, or  
8 otherwise assisted in any proceeding under this Ordinance.

9 (G) UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE.

10 It shall be unlawful to interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of,  
11 or on account of his having exercised or enjoyed, rights granted and protected by this  
12 ordinance.

13 (H) EXEMPTIONS.

14 1. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the applicability of any reasonable  
15 local, State or Federal restrictions regarding the maximum number of occupants  
16 permitted to occupy a dwelling, nor shall any provision of this Ordinance regarding  
17 familial status apply with respect to Housing for Older Persons.

18 2. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit conduct against a Person because  
19 such Person has been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction of the illegal  
20 manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance as defined by State and Federal law.

21 3. A Person shall not be held personally liable for monetary damages for a  
22 violation of this Ordinance if such Person reasonably relied, in good faith, on the  
23 application of the exemption under this section relating to Housing for Older Persons. For



1 the purpose of this subparagraph 3, a Person may only show good faith reliance on the  
2 application of this exemption by showing that:

3 (a) such Person has no actual knowledge that the facility or community is  
4 not or will not be eligible for such exemption; and

5 (b) the facility or community has stated formally, in writing, that the  
6 facility or community complies with the requirements for such exemption.

7 **SECTION FIVE.** Severability Clause. The provisions of this ordinance shall be  
8 severable. In the event that any provision of this ordinance is found by a court of  
9 competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this ordinance  
10 are valid unless the court finds the valid provisions of this ordinance are so essentially  
11 and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot  
12 be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid provisions without  
13 the void ones or unless the Court finds that the valid provisions, standing alone, are  
14 incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

15 **SECTION SIX.** Emergency Clause. This being an ordinance for the preservation of  
16 public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within  
17 the meanings of Sections 19 and 20 of article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis  
18 and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the  
19 Mayor.