

ORDINANCE NO. 20141211-211

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE 4 TO ADD A CHAPTER RELATING TO SIGNAGE FOR SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS; AND CREATING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Title 4 (*Business Regulation and Permit Requirements*) is amended to add a new Chapter 4-16 (*Commercial Facilities*) to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. GENDER-NEUTRAL SIGNAGE FOR SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS

§ 4-16-1 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) GENDER NEUTRAL SIGNAGE means a sign that indicates a restroom without preference to a specific gender.
- (2) PRIVATE OR PRIVATE USE RESTROOM means plumbing fixtures in residences and apartments, private bathrooms in hotels and hospitals, and restrooms in commercial establishments where the fixtures are intended for the use of a family or an individual and are accessible only from a private room or office.
- (3) SINGLE-USER RESTROOM means a lockable restroom available for an individual for use with or without assistance.

§ 4-16-2 APPLICABILITY.

This article applies to single-user restrooms within commercial facilities that are not private or private use restrooms. This article is an additional requirement to those already required by the City Code.

§ 4-16-3 SIGNAGE REQUIRED.

- (A) A single-user restroom subject to this article must have gender-neutral signage.
- (B) A person with control over a commercial facility with at least one single-user restroom shall install and maintain gender-neutral signage for each single-user restroom.

§ 4-16-4 OFFENSE AND PENALTY.

- (A) A person who violates or fails to comply with a requirement of this article commits an offense.
- (B) An offense under this article is a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable in accordance with Section 1-1-99 (*Offenses; General Penalty*).

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on December 22, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED

December 11, 2014 §
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