ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 5-1 (HOUSING DISCRIMINATION), CHAPTER 5-2 (DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS), CHAPTER 5-3 (DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT GENERALLY), AND CHAPTER 5-4 (DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BY CITY CONTRACTORS) TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON PROTECTIVE HAIRSTYLE.

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

PART 1. Findings:

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- (A) Black people, indigenous people, and other people of color often face discrimination because of their natural hair texture or hairstyle. This type of discrimination is frequently employed as a proxy for discrimination based on a person's race.
- (B) In many cultures, a person's hairstyle is a unique way to identify their culture, familial relationships, age, marital status, or religion. Enslaved Africans often used their hair as a means of communication by coding messages in the patterns of their braids.
- (C) Discrimination based on hair texture or hairstyle results in a denial of basic civil rights, including educational, housing, and employment opportunities.
- (D) The City Council of the City of Austin has determined that discrimination based on hair texture or hairstyle should be prohibited.
- (E) This ordinance is known as the "Austin CROWN (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) Act."

PART 2. City Code Section 5-1-13 (*Definitions*) is amended to add a new definition for "Protective Hairstyle" and to renumber the remaining definitions accordingly:

(19) PROTECTIVE HAIRSTYLE means a hairstyle necessitated by, or resulting from, the characteristics of a hair texture or hairstyle commonly associated with race, national origin, ethnicity, or culture, and includes but is not limited to afros, bantu knots, braids, cornrows, curls, locs, twists, or hair that is tightly coiled or tightly curled.

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PART 3. City Code Section 5-1-17 (*Appraisal Exemption*); Subsections (A) and (B) of City Code Section 5-1-51 (*Discrimination in Sale or Rental of Housing*); City Code Section 5-1-52 (*Publication Indicating Discrimination*), Section 5-1-53 (*Availability for Inspection, Sale, or Rental*), and Section 5-1-54 (*Entry into Neighborhood*); Subsection (A) of City Code Section 5-1-56 (*Residential Real Estate Related Transaction*); and City Code Section 5-1-57 (*Brokerage Services*) are amended as follows:

§ 5-1-17 APPRAISAL EXEMPTION.

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This article does not prohibit a person engaged in the business of furnishing appraisals of residential real property from taking into consideration factors other than race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, [or-]national origin, or protective hairstyle.

§ 5-1-51 DISCRIMINATION IN SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING.

- (A) A person may not refuse to sell or rent a dwelling to a person who has made a bona fide offer; refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of a dwelling; or otherwise make unavailable or deny [to-]a dwelling to any person based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, familial status, disability, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, <u>protective hairstyle,</u> or source of income.
- (B) A person may not discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling or in providing services or facilities in connection with the sale or rental, based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, familial status, disability, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, <u>protective hairstyle</u>, or source of income.

§ 5-1-52 PUBLICATION INDICATING DISCRIMINATION.

A person may not make, print, or publish or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice, statement, or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, <u>protective</u> <u>hairstyle</u>, or source of income, or an intention to make such a preference, limitation, or discrimination.

§ 5-1-53 AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION, SALE, OR RENTAL.

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A person may not represent to a person based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, <u>protective hairstyle</u>, or source of income that a dwelling is not available for inspection, sale or rental when the dwelling is available for inspection.

§ 5-1-54 ENTRY INTO NEIGHBORHOOD.

A person may not, for profit, induce or attempt to induce a person to sell or rent a dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into a neighborhood of a person of a particular race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, <u>protective hairstyle</u>, or source of income.

§ 5-1-56 RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE RELATED TRANSACTION.

(A) A person whose business includes engaging in residential real estate related transactions may not discriminate against a person in making a real estate related transaction available or in the terms or conditions of a real estate related transaction because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, protective hairstyle, or source of income.

§ 5-1-57 BROKERAGE SERVICES.

A person may not deny any person access to, or membership or participation in, a multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or discriminate against a person in the terms or conditions of access, membership, or participation in such an organization, service, or facility because race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, creed, national origin, protective hairstyle, or source of income.

PART 4. City Code Section 5-2-2 (*Definitions*) is amended to add a new definition for "Protective Hairstyle" and to renumber the remaining definitions accordingly:

(9) PROTECTIVE HAIRSTYLE means a hairstyle necessitated by, or resulting from, the characteristics of a hair texture or hairstyle commonly associated with race, national origin, ethnicity, or culture, and includes but is not limited to afros, bantu knots, braids, cornrows, curls, locs, twists, or hair that is tightly coiled or tightly curled.

PART 5. City Code Section 5-2-4 (Prohibited Practices) is amended as follows:

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99 § 5-2-4 PROHIBITED PRACTICES. (A) A person whose business includes engaging in residential real estate related 100 101 transactions may not discriminate against a person in making a real estate 102 related transaction available or in the terms or conditions of a real estate 103 related transaction because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, familial status, marital status, student status, 104 creed, national origin, protective hairstyle, or source of income. 105 106 (B) A person, including the owner, operator, or lessee of a public accommodation 107 may not directly or indirectly exclude, segregate, limit, refuse or deny a person the accommodations, advantages, facilities, benefits, privileges, services, or 108 109 goods of the public accommodation based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, age, protective hairstyle, or 110 111 disability. (C) A person, including the owner, operator, or lessee of a public accommodation, 112 may not circulate, issue, display, post, mail, or publish a statement, 113 advertisement, or sign that indicates that the accommodations, advantages, 114 115 facilities, benefits, privileges, services, or goods of the public accommodation 116 will be denied to an individual based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, age, protective hairstyle, or 117 118 disability, or that the patronage or presence of an individual is objectionable, 119 unwelcome, unacceptable, undesirable, or unsolicited based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, age, 120 121 protective hairstyle, or disability. PART 6. City Code Section 5-3-2 (Definitions) is amended to add a new definition for 122 "Protective Hairstyle" and to renumber the remaining definitions accordingly: 123 124 **PROTECTIVE HAIRSTYLE** means a hairstyle necessitated by, or resulting (14)from, the characteristics of a hair texture or hairstyle commonly associated 125 with race, national origin, ethnicity, or culture, and includes but is not 126 limited to afros, bantu knots, braids, cornrows, curls, locs, twists, or hair that 127 128 is tightly coiled or tightly curled. 129 **PART 7.** Subsections (A) through (E) of City Code Section 5-3-4 (Unlawful Employment Practices) are amended as follows: 130 131 § 5-3-4 UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. 132 (A) An employer may not: 05/19/2022 10:00 AM Page 4 of 7 COA Law Department

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138 139 140 141 142 143	(2)	limit, segregate, or classify an employee or appli a way which would deprive or tend to deprive an employment opportunities or otherwise adversely status as an employee, based on the individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national hairstyle, or disability.	individual of y affect the individual's race, color, religion,
144	(B) An er	nployment agency may not:	
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151	(C) A lab	or organization may not:	
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PART 9. This ordinance takes effect	on	, 2022.	
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APPROVED:	_ ATTEST:		
Anne L. Morgan City Attorney		Myrna Rios City Clerk	