

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 54 OF ARTICLE II, ENTITLED  
“FAIR HOUSING,” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF  
ROLLING MEADOWS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Whereas**, the City of Rolling Meadows has participated in the Cook County Development Block Grant program which is administered by Cook County with the use of federal funding; and

**Whereas**, continued participation in the funding requires the City to include certain protected classes; and

**Whereas**, it has been determined that it is necessary for the City to amend its Fair Housing Ordinance to include certain protected classes; namely, parental status, sexual orientation, source of income, gender identity and housing status.

**Now, Therefore**, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section One:** Chapter 54, “Human Relations,” of Article II, “Fair Housing,” is hereby amended by adding the following definitions, in alphabetical order, to Section 54-26:

*Age* means chronological age of not less than 40 years.

*Disability* means (1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual; (2) a record of such impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such an impairment. Excluded from this definition is an impairment relating to the illegal use, possession or distribution of “controlled substances” as defined in schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

*Parental Status* means the status of living with one or more dependent minors or disabled children.

*Sexual Orientation* means the status or expression, whether actual or perceived, of heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.

*Source of Income* means the lawful manner by which an individual supports himself or herself and his or her dependents.

*Military Discharge Status* means the fact of having been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, their Reserve components or any National Guard or Naval Militia other than by a “dishonorable discharge.”

*Gender Identity* means the actual or perceived appearance, expression, identity, or behavior of a person as being male or female, whether or not that appearance, expression, identity or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s designated sex at birth.

*Housing Status* means the type of housing in which an individual resides, whether publicly or privately owned; an individual’s ownership status with respect to the individual’s residence; or the status of having or not having a fixed income.

**Section Two:** Section 54-27(2), “Declaration of Policy,” of Chapter 54, “Human Relations,” of Article II, “Fair Housing,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Protect the community from the effects of residential segregation by race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, parental status, sexual orientation, source of income, military discharge status, gender identity, and housing status.

**Section Three:** Section 54-156(2), “Duties of Human Relations Commission,” of Chapter 54, “Human Relations,” of Article III, “Implementation,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Act to ensure to persons living or desiring to live in the City or in any particular dwelling the opportunity to purchase, lease, or rent a dwelling without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, parental status, sexual orientation, source of income, military discharge status, gender identity, and housing status.

**Section Four:** This Ordinance shall be printed and published in pamphlet form by order of the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

**Section Five:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

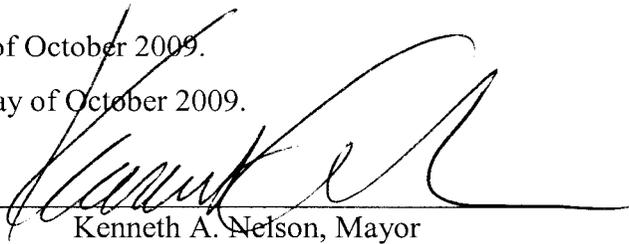
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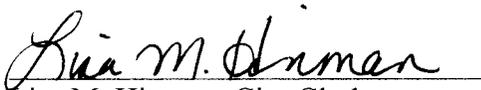
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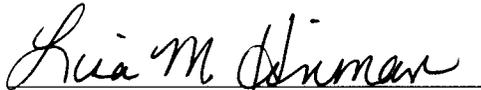
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Kenneth A. Nelson, Mayor

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Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

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