

SPONSOR: Janet Venecz
Councilwoman at Large

ORDINANCE NO. 9377

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 3706, 4460, 4920, AND 5087
ALSO KNOWN AS SECTION 34.231 OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE,
PERTAINING TO THE ADDITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER
IDENTITY TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HAMMOND HUMAN
RELATIONS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond, through its Human Relations Commission, presently acts to assist persons of various races, sexes, creeds, abilities and nationalities within the City of Hammond and protect those groups from discrimination in education, employment, public accommodation and housing; and

WHEREAS, neither the Ordinance concerning the Human Relations Commission, nor the groups protected by this Commission, has been amended or expanded since 1986; and

WHEREAS, in the past thirty years, Hammond has made great strides towards recognizing and addressing sexual orientation and gender identity issues faced by its Citizens, and taking steps to insure protection for all residents, regardless of identity; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Human Relations Commission now wishes to include the LGBTQIA community of Hammond in its scope of focus and expand the Powers and Duties provision of the Hammond Municipal Code to include this diverse group; and

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana that Ordinance Numbers 3706, 4460, 4920, and 5097 the same being known as Section 34.231 of the Hammond Municipal Code, Human Relations, is amended to include as follows:

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Section 34.231 POWERS AND DUTIES

(A) To achieve the purposes of this subchapter and Section 37.045 *et. seq.*, the Commission is to:

- (1) Study the relationships between persons of various races, sexes, gender identities, sexual orientations, creeds, abilities and nationalities within the City of Hammond, and to advise and assist the various departments of the City in matters involving relationships between the groups to the end that discrimination will not exist in the City;**
- (2) Unchanged**
- (3) Study investigate and take action in regard to any condition having an adverse effect upon relations between persons of various races, sexes, gender identities, sexual orientations, creeds, abilities and nationalities;**
- (4) Unchanged**
- (5) Solicit the cooperation of the various racial, ethnic, disabled, LGBTQIA, woman's rights and religious groups and organizations within the community in order to improve the quality of communications and understanding within the community;**
- (6) Unchanged**
- (7) Unchanged**
- (8) Unchanged**

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof shall not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED This Ordinance shall be considered as amending Section 34.231 of the Hammond Municipal Code as to the issue of Hammond Human Relations and if there be any conflict therewith with any other section, this Amended ordinance shall take precedence.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof, and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 12th day of June, 2017.

Janet Venecz President /s/
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 13th day of June, 2017.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9377 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 14th day of June, 2017.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 12th day of June, 2017 and approved by the Mayor on the 14th day of June, 2017.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana