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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**All Districts**

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**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** 2/2/2021

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

**Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community**

**SUBGOAL:** 8.1 Deliver prevention, intervention and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive and safe community

**SUBJECT:**

*APPROVE a Resolution / Ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.*

An Ordinance amending Title 17 (Housing), Chapter 17.20 (Fair Housing Ordinance) of the El Paso City Code to amend in its entirety the Chapter to change the word handicap to disability and to include protections against discrimination for reasons of sexual orientation and gender identity.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

*Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?*

The recently completed Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identified a lack of protections from housing discrimination for LGBTQ individuals. Many cities have local ordinances that expand protections against housing discrimination, beyond those identified by the Fair Housing Act, in order to protect LGBTQ individuals. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will investigate fair housing complaints based on those expanded local protections. This update to the Fair Housing Ordinance adds sexual orientation and gender identity to those protected from housing discrimination and updates the word "handicap" to "disability".

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

*Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?*

City Council was presented the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) on October 27, 2020.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

*How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by amount numbers and description of*

*account. Does it require a budget transfer?*  
N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**Department Head:**

*If Agenda Item Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also*