

ORDINANCE #22-14

**CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 34 OF THE RAMSEY CITY CODE RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ADDING TWO NEW PROVISIONS THERETO REGARDING TO THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CHOICES OF MEDICAL TREATMENTS

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 34 BY CREATING AND INSERTING THEREIN TWO ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

The Current City Code, Section 34, is amended by adding two addition provisions as follows:

“ARTICLE III. OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC HEALTH

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DIVISION FOUR. Discrimination For Personal Health Decisions During Pandemic Prohibited

Sec. 34-110 Findings.

It is found that the pandemic that occurred throughout the world, nation and city beginning in 2020 has created significant legal pressures to require vaccination or other medical procedures or require conduct or behavior on the part of individuals irrespective of the choices or rights those individuals who may oppose such requirements or mandates. Moreover, the City of Ramsey expressly recognizes the right of any individual to refuse medical treatment. The City of Ramsey finds that imposing any requirement of vaccination or similar invasive medical procedure or treatment violates the civil rights of any individual opposing said vaccination or invasive medical procedure. Further, the City finds that any negative action it or its employees or agents might take to deny employment, public services offered by or through the City, or any approval of any matter requiring approval of the city, based on an individual’s decision to accept or not accept medical treatment, including vaccination, violates that individuals personal rights and is contrary to the basic liberties guaranteed to its citizens under the law.

Section 34-111 Illegal Discrimination Against Individual Medical Treatment Decisions

It is unlawful for the City, or its employees or agents, in considering any decision regarding employment, access to public facilities, or contracting, to base such a decision upon the vaccination status of any individual who has chosen not to be vaccinated or to undergo any medical procedure or treatment without that individual's consent.

It is unlawful for the City, or its employees or agents to force disclosure of any decision regarding the vaccination status of any individual who has chosen not to be vaccinated or to undergo any medical procedure or treatment without that individual's consent."

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.04.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduction date:

Posting dates:

Adoption date:

Publication date:

Effective date: