

**ORDINANCE NUMBER NO.: 2019-062**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,  
Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, to add  
Sec. 14-8 Hate intimidation*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 17th day of December, 2019, that the 1998 Code of Ordinance of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, is amended to add Sec. 14-8 Hate intimidation, to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-8. Hate intimidation.**

(a) A person who violates Sec. 10-34, 12-8, 14-5, 14-31, 14-91, 14-92, 14-93, 14-94, 14-97, 14-101, 14-102, 14-104, 14-263, 15-1 or 22-72 with the intent to intimidate a person in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation (as defined in Sec. 11-503), disability (as defined in Sec. 11-503) **gender identity, expression** or national origin of any person is guilty of the separate offense of hate intimidation and shall be punished as provided by Sec. 1-5. The sentences shall run consecutive to one another unless the court specifies on the record good cause why they should run concurrently.

(b) Fines imposed under this section for contemporaneous or concurrent violations of this section shall be assessed for each violation.

(c) A court may impose community service or participation in an educational program for violation of this section.

(d) All fines paid and collected pursuant to this section shall be used to support educational programs.

(e) As used in this section "educational program" shall mean an educational program approved by the city that is conducted by a public or not-for-profit entity within the city limits and that provides training relating to the harm or damage to individuals or society caused by bigotry on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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City Manager

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ATTEST:

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City Attorney

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City Clerk

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