

Resolution #13-R-20
Modification to Fraudulent Emergency Calls

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Referred To: Safety & Licensing Committee

WHEREAS fraudulent emergency calls based on the perception of another individual to be a threat due to their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or outward appearance are exploitive, put a burden on law enforcement time and resources, and cause real harm to the individuals they target; and

WHEREAS exploitive 911 calls of a discriminatory nature, particularly calls that are racially discriminatory, have been highlighted as a national problem; and

WHEREAS Appleton has always been a leader in taking innovative action to improve the quality of life in our community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Appleton amend the municipal code Chapter 12 Section 28 by adding a subsection that specifies “fraudulent emergency calls based on the perception of another individual to be a threat due to their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or outward appearance” as an act of public nuisance with civil penalty.