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ORD. AMEND. NO. _____, 2006-2007

AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF
ORDINANCES, TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING PERSONS TO DISCLOSE
THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WHEN NOT COMPELLED BY
STATE OR FEDERAL LAW

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 31.03(2) is amended to read as follows:

31.03 DEFINITIONS. (2) *Discriminate* and *discrimination* mean to segregate, separate, exclude or treat any person or class of persons unequally because of race, gender, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status of the person maintaining the household, family status, mental illness, physical condition, appearance, lawful source of income, **including receipt of rental assistance under 24 Code of Federal Regulations Subtitle B, Chapter VIII [the "Section 8" housing program]**, student status, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, military discharge status or political beliefs, or the fact that a person declines to disclose his or her Social Security Number when such disclosure is not compelled by state or federal law.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment prohibits discrimination in housing based upon a person's refusal to disclose his or her Social Security Number, unless disclosure is required by state or federal law NOTE: The bolded language has been adopted by the County Board but has a delayed effective date of April 1, 2007. It has been included in the body of this amendment as it is pertinent to the proposed amendment being requested here.]

ARTICLE 3. Section 31.11(1)(g) is created to read as follows:

31.11 EXCEPTIONS. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit discrimination:

(a) on the basis of age in relation to housing designed to meet the needs of elderly individuals;

(b) on the basis of physical condition or mental illness in relation to housing designed specifically to meet the needs of persons with physical impairments or developmental disabilities;

(c) on the basis of student status in relation to housing devoted to meeting the needs of students;

(d) on the basis of age with respect to any person less than 18 years old who is seeking to purchase, lease, finance or construct housing;

(e) on the basis of conviction record, where the nature of the offense is such given the nature of the housing, so as to cause a reasonable person to have justifiable fear for the safety of residents or employees; ~~or~~

(f) on the basis of gender where such housing is devoted exclusively to members of one sex; or

(g) on the basis of a person's refusal to disclose his or her Social Security Number, if such disclosure is required by state or federal law.

48 *[EXPLANATION: This amendment clarifies that it is not discrimination in housing*
49 *under sec. 31.03(2) to require disclosure of a person's Social Security Number if*
50 *such disclosure is required by state or federal law.]*

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