

CITY OF SANIBEL

ORDINANCE 19-001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SANIBEL CODE TO UTILIZE GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE, CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF SANIBEL CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, during the course of the City of Sanibel’s 2017-2018 Charter review by the Charter Review Committee, it was noted by the Committee that the Sanibel Code contains mostly masculine pronouns, and it was suggested by the Committee that such pronouns be revised to be gender-neutral; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS, amending the Sanibel Code to include gender-neutral pronouns by eliminating gender preference language within the Sanibel Code will promote equality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Sanibel, Florida:

SECTION 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble to this ordinance are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. The pronouns throughout the Sanibel Code are amended to promote gender-neutral pronouns.

SECTION 3. Subject to final approval by the City Attorney, the Municipal Code Corporation has authority to degenderize the Sanibel Code and update pronouns when appropriate, which authority include the updating of future ordinances, by making changes such as the following:

- a. Changing the term “chairman” to “chairperson”;
- b. Changing the term “councilman” to “councilmember”;
- e. Changing the term “draftsman” to “drafting professional”;
- f. Changing the term “flagman” to “flagperson”;
- g. Changing the term “flagmen” to “flagpersons”;
- h. Changing the term “he” or “she” to “he/she”;
- i. Changing the term “him” or “her” to “him/her”;
- j. Changing the term “himself” or “herself” to “himself/herself”;
- m. Changing the term “his” or “her” to “his/her”;
- n. Changing the term “man or woman” to “persons”;
- o. Changing the term “men or women” to “persons”;
- p. Changing the term “policeman” or “policewoman” to “police officer”;

- q. Changing the term “policemen” or “policewomen” to “police officers”;
- r. Changing the term “salesman” to “salesperson”;
- s. Changing the term “workman” to “worker”;
- t. Changing the term “workmen” to “workers”.

SECTION 4. Codification. This ordinance shall be deemed an amendment to the Sanibel Code of Ordinances and shall be codified in the Sanibel Code of Ordinances as such an amendment. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to instruct as part of the codification that all section numbers amended by this Ordinance are updated and corrected throughout the Code of Ordinances in the event such section numbers are referenced.

SECTION 5. Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same hereby repealed. If any part of this ordinance conflicts with any other part, it shall be severed and the remainder shall have full force and effect and be liberally construed.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance, or application hereof, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or application shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or application hereof.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 2nd day of April 2019.

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 Publication: March 22, 2019
 Second Reading: April 2, 2019

AUTHENTICATION:



 Kevin Ruane, Mayor



 Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

 John Agnew, City Attorney

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 Date

Vote of Council Members:

Ruane	Yea
Denham	Yea
Johnson	Yea
Maughan	Yea
Smith	Yea

Date Filed with City Clerk: April 02, 2019