



Ratification
Number 2023-237

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 21-OFFENSES; ARTICLE I-IN GENERAL; SECTION 21-1-HATE INTIMIDATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That Chapter 21-Offenses; Article I-In General; Section 21-1-Hate Intimidation will be amended by adding the text shown below with a double-underline and deleting text shown below with a ~~strike-through~~:

A person who violates another section of this chapter with the intent to intimidate another person or persons in whole or in part because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or national origin of the other person or persons, including any act of antisemitism, is guilty of the separate offense of hate intimidation and shall be punished as provided by section 1-16. The sentences shall run consecutive to one another unless the court specifies on the record reason why they should run concurrent. For purposes of this section, 'antisemitism' refers to the definition set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratified in City Council this 28th day of November in the year of Our Lord, 2023, in the 248th Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By: [Signature]
John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

ATTEST: By: [Signature]
Jennifer Cook
Clerk of Council