

From: Tom Sweeney, 2265 Coulee Dr.

To: Mayor and City Council

Cc: City Clerk cityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org (if you agree with this letter, please send it under your name to the City Clerk link)

At your Common Council meeting for July 14, 2020 there is scheduled Reconsideration on the Conversion Therapy Ban Ordinance passed last month.

1) Please support Reconsideration

2) If you are going to make any changes to the Ordinance by weakening it, in an attempt to strengthen it against litigation, that should be your first clue there is something not right with this ordinance.

3) If you change the wording to include, "for a fee" I believe you are still violating the Constitution of the US and here is an example of how. Consensual sex between consenting adults is not unlawful (though adultery is), prostitution is unlawful because it's "for a fee". There is a difference between prostitution and therapy because one takes college degrees along with certifications and/or licensing by accredited and accepted Boards and/or Competent Authority while the other does not. You have no right to single out licensed/certified practitioners from making an income.

4) Whether proposed changes pass you still have, according to the City Clerk, the opportunity to Not Adopt with your final vote on the issue. Last month three of the council members were not present. If all 13 council members are present this evening and the 3 who were not present vote along with the 4 who voted "No" last month, this will not pass and be rescinded which is what should happen. In addition, those of you who voted, "Yes" last month have a chance to rethink your vote and I ask that you do.

Respectfully,

Tom Sweeney