

ORDINANCE NO. 16,084

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by adding Section 70-66.1, relating to false reports to or communications with public safety entities.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by adding Section 70-66.1, relating to false reports to or communications with public safety entities, as follows:

Sec. 70-66.1. False reports to or communications with public safety entities based on membership in or association with a protected class.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to report or cause to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or to report the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the act did not occur if the report is based in whole or part on the reported or accused person's membership in or association with a protected class identified and/or defined in chapter 62 of this Code or I.C. Chapter 216.

(b) A person who commits an act in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$855.00 or shall be guilty of a municipal infraction punishable by a civil penalty of \$750.00 and, for a repeat violation, a civil penalty of \$1000.00.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest: I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 21-1772), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on November 15, 2021 and signed by the Mayor on November 15, 2021 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on December 3, 2021. Authorized by Publication Order No. 11733.

P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk