First Reading: September 16, 2025

Second Reading: September 23, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 14280

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATIONS BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 14239, KNOWN AS "THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATIONS

BUDGET," TO AMEND SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE FOR REALLOCATION OF

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY AND

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE

DISMANTLING DEI ACT ENACTED IN MAY 2025 AS TENNESSEE STATE

LAW, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THAT DEPARTMENT; TO INCLUDE THE

RESTRUCTURING OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND

CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; AND TO

AMEND SECTION 7(E) DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES DURING

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR

CERTAIN NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,

TENNESSEE, that Ordinance No. 14239 be amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is submitting an Ordinance repealing

Sections 2-711 through Sections 2-719 within Ordinance No. 13909, which will dissolve the

Department of Equity and Community Engagement;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has passed new legislation banning

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs and policies in Tennessee, House Bill

0923/Senate Bill SB1084 (Public Acts 2025 P.C. 458) and House Bill 622/Senate Bill SB1083

(Public Acts 2025 P.C. 494)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Chattanooga, Tennessee,

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be amended as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That section 5 of Ordinance 14239 related to General Fund Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 be amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	S	Substitute in Lieu
	<u>Delete</u>	Thereof
General Government & Supported Agencies	\$92,109,778	\$92,109,778
Executive Department	10,046,305	8,222,925
Department of Finance & Administration	8,090,167	8,090,167
Department of Human Resources	3,005,659	3,005,659
Department of Community Development	11,303,231	15,049,487
Department of Police	98,501,386	98,501,386
Department of Fire	80,351,344	80,351,344
Department of Public Works	51,687,215	51,687,215
Department of Parks & Outdoors	16,820,975	16,820,975
Department of Early Learning	3,344,191	3,344,191
Department of City Planning	619,699	619,699
Department of Equity & Community Engagement	1,922,876	0
Department of Economic Development	12,293,174	12,293,174
SUBTOTAL	\$390,096,000	\$390,096,000
Golf Course	\$2,880,647	\$2,880,647
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$392,976,647	\$392,976,647
Estimated Incr(Decr) in Fund Balance	\$0	\$0
Beginning Unassigned Fund Balance July 1	\$111,288,498	\$111,288,498
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance June 30	\$111,288,498	\$111,288,498
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance (% of Total		
Approp.)	28.32%	28.32%
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance (% of Revenue)	28.32%	28.32%

Substitute in Lieu Delete Thereof \$10,046,305 \$8,222,925 **Executive Department** 3,669,572 Executive Office Administration 3,535,618 Office of Community Health 1,088,246 Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention 1,482,414 257,194 Office of Constituent Services 870,520 \$11,303,231 \$15,049,487 **Department of Community Development** 1,175,596 Community Engagement 1,088,246 Office of Community Health 1,482,414 Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention \$1,922,876 Department of Equity & Community Engagement 1,309,550 Administration \$613,326 ECE Neighborhood Services

SECTION 3. That section 7(e) of Ordinance No. 14239 hereby amends authorized positions as follows:

	Delete	Add
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE MAYOR	71	62
Administration	20	21
Director New Chattanoogans	0	1
Community Health	7	0
Admin Support Coordinator	1	0
Deputy Director Community Health	1	0
Director Community Health	1,	0
Lead Registered Nurse Navigator	1,	0
Program Manager	1	0
Registered Nurse Navigator	2	0

	Delete	Add
Community Safety & Gun Violence Prevention	8	0
Community Outreach Coord	1	0
Executive Director Community Safety and Gun Violence	1	•
Prevention	1	0
Intervention Specialist	3	0
Manager Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention	2	0
Public Safety Coordinator	1)	0
Office of Constituent Services	2	7
Manager Neighborhood Service and Development	0	1
Neighborhood Program Specialist	0	1
Neighborhood Relations Specialist	0	3
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	130	150
Community Engagement	0	5
Community Engagement Specialist	0	1
Community Program Manager	0	1
Director Community Engagement	0	1
Executive Assistant	0	1
Language Access Coordinator	0	1
Community Health	0	7
Admin Support Coordinator	0	1
Deputy Director Community Health	0	1
Director Community Health	0	Ĩ
Lead Registered Nurse Navigator	0	i
Program Manager	0	Ĩ
Registered Nurse Navigator	0	2
Community Safety & Gun Violence Prevention	0	8
Community Outreach Coord	0	1
Executive Director Community Safety and Gun Violence	0	1
Prevention	0	1
Intervention Specialist	0	3

	Delete	Add
Manager Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention	0	2
Public Safety Coordinator	0	1
DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY & COMMUNITY		
ENGAGEMENT	12	0
Administration	7	0
Chief Equity Officer	1	0
Community Program Manager	1	0
Director Community Engagement	1	0
Director New Americans	1	0
Equity & Community Engagement Specialist	1	0
Executive Assistant to Chief Equity Officer	1	0
Language Access Coordinator	1	0
Neighborhood Services	5	0
Manager Neighborhood Service and Development	1	0
Neighborhood Program Specialist	1	0
Neighborhood Relations Specialist	3	0
GENERAL FUND	1,996	1,995
NON-GENERAL FUND	611	611
GRAND TOTAL	2,607	2,606

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED on Second and Final Reading: September 23, 2025

CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR

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