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CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3209

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.26 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTY**


City Clerk

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia ("City Council") previously adopted Chapter 8.26 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code ("City Code"), addressing chronic nuisance property within the City of Columbia ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City, and now desires to add Section 8.26.100 to Chapter 8.26 of the City Code to allow for exemptions to the Chapter for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and individuals with a disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one ("1") of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That Section 8.26.100 be added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

"Section 8.26.100 Exemptions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions within this Chapter, and consistent with the terms and conditions of 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1.5, no property shall be considered a chronic nuisance if the law enforcement investigations and determinations arise from calls for assistance from any victim of domestic abuse, any victim of domestic violence or when contact was made by, on behalf of, or otherwise concerning a person with a disability and the purpose of the contact was related to that person's disability.

However, nothing herein shall prevent the enforcement of this code against a landlord or tenant of the property who may be a victim of domestic abuse, domestic violence, or be disabled when said person's victimhood or disability is unrelated to the law enforcement activity causing the property to be a chronic nuisance."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage as provided by law.

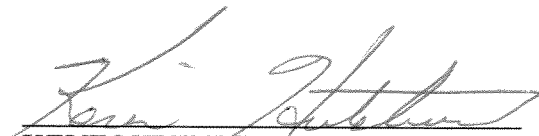
YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

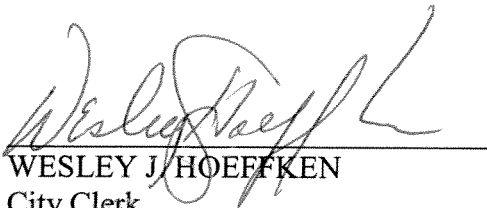
PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 19th day of October, 2015.

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KEVIN HUTCHINSON

Mayor
City of Columbia

ATTEST:

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WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN
City Clerk
City of Columbia