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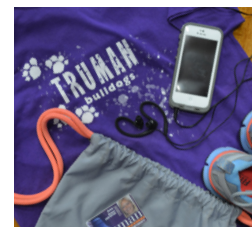
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LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MISSOURI THAT HAVE PASSED LGBT PROTECTIONS



Kirkville City Council voted

3 against 2 in favor of the ordinance

Human rights ordinance rejected by close vote

Bill continues to stir town-wide debate after hearing

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During their July 1 council meeting, the Kirksville City Council voted against a proposed ordinance that would have created a "human rights commission" tasked with investigating discrimination claims in the city.

The ordinance as it was presented during the meeting would have created a nine-person commission that residents could bring claims to if they felt they were being discriminated against with matters of housing, employment or public accommodation.

Aaron Malin, Truman State alumnus and the drafter of the legislation, said the bill enforces current federal and state anti-discrimination laws encompassing race, religion, gender, age and national origin, but expands protection to LGBT members of the community.

If the commission determined the accuser had been discriminated against, the case would have been sent to the city prosecutor, City Manager Mari Macomber said. She said the ordinance could levy fees or jail time against the defendant if found guilty.

During the July 1 council meeting, many citizens of Kirksville and the surrounding area testified for and against the legislation. Brandon Ikner, Truman State alumnus and Kirksville resident, said he began a new job

earlier that day and overheard his coworkers use multiple homophobic slurs. He said he felt as if he "needed to put himself back in the closet."

"[This bill] would make me more comfortable with expressing myself," Ikner said. "It's entirely different [for Ikner's co-workers] because they don't have to worry about someone beating them up or calling them fruits."

Kirksville resident Trey Allamay said the legislation's wording would invite lawsuits against the city, citing a news story about a male elementary school student in Colorado who successfully sued his school district for not allowing him to use female restrooms.

"If you pass a law like this, you're putting a bullseye on the city for lawsuits like this and I don't think that's good

for the city in the long run," Allamay said.

Reverend Aaron Rodgers of the Southside Baptist Church told the Council the legislation is "of great moral importance" to the city and described the punishments laid out by God against homosexuality in the Bible. He said God has "judged wicked cities in the past" for protecting LGBT members.

The Council voted 3-2 against the legislation, with Council members Glen Moritz and Jerry Mills voting in favor. Mayor Richard Detweiler and Council members Roger Edge and Robert Russell voted against it.

Councilman Russell originally was in favor of this legislation, but said he had a change of heart at the meeting. Russell said the discrimination discussed was different than the

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Bookstore adds rental options

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Purchasing textbooks can be an expensive part of the education process, but it just got easier for students at Truman State to save a few dollars when classes start.

Truman's bookstore has expanded its selection of books available for rental, Store Manager Steve Pennington said. During the past, they have offered rentals for some books, but almost all books in the bookstore will now be available to rent, he said.

"It's over 800 titles that we have out on the shelves [for rental], which is huge," Pennington said. "It was a big increase over last year's rental titles."

Pennington said the store had an estimated 400 books available to rent last year.

The bookstore is making more books available for rental because it was chosen by bookstore operator Follett as one of 13 stores throughout the country to test the program, Pennington said.

"We're just trying to be more competitive and help students save money," Pennington said. "The big thing is getting students to have their books for the first day of class so that they can be successful."

Pennington said the store has seen an increase of online orders and rentals, and said he hoped the trend would continue.

While most books will be available for rental with the program, one-time use materials like workbooks and online passcodes will not be.

"We're renting everything that's not a consumable," Pennington said.

He said rented textbooks can be used like normal, with highlighting and in-text note-taking allowed.

Elio DiStoala, Director of Public and Campus Relations for Follett Higher Education Group, which manages and operates more than 950 stores across the U.S. and Canada, said that Truman was chosen because of the wide variety of textbooks available in the store. He said the program was a good fit with Truman, and that the program would provide students with a much deeper opportunity to save money.

"Our goal is to drive up the amount of students that are prepared day one and forward for us to provide access," DiStoala said. "Does everyone have in their hands what they need to succeed? By driving down costs and making sure everybody has affordable access, [the program] could potentially mean a large scale impact on classroom success, and that's a win for everybody."

DiStoala said that on average, students will save 50 percent or more by renting instead of buying textbooks through the bookstore's program.

He also said rental textbooks can still be used by students to prepare for class and returned without penalties.

"We expect students to use the books. We know there's going to be some notes in the margins, we know you're going to dog-ear some pages, that's part of using the books," DiStoala said. "We call it risk-free rental in that as long as you don't overly abuse the book and you're just using it how you would in the classroom, that's okay and you can return that without penalty."

DiStoala said students will also be able to convert rentals to books at the end of the semester if they decide they want to keep them.

"Let's say I'm taking a biology class that happens to be in my major," DiStoala said. "I decide to save some money up front, and I rent that book. I take the class, I use it throughout the academic term, when finals come around and my rental due date is up, I can go to the campus book store and basically pay the difference between the rental and cost of the book [to own the book]."

DiStoala said he always cautions people rental isn't always the ultimate solution for everybody. He said rental is a nice failsafe if students just don't know yet whether or not they want to keep a book, because they can rent it and convert it to a purchase at the store at the end of the semester.

DiStoala said in addition to being on campus, there are many advantages for students shopping at the campus store. He said the store provides a percentage of virtually every sale back to the campus, which online retailers won't do.

DiStoala also said the campus bookstore offers convenience and stocks the necessary edition of books for classes. He said there are a wide variety of editions of textbooks

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A worker prepares for the upcoming opening of a Starbucks restaurant Wednesday morning in Hy-Vee. The coffee shop will open Aug. 31.

Starbucks opening in local Hy-Vee

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Students looking for a caffeine boost will have a new option this year when Starbucks Coffee Company opens shop in Kirksville's Hy-Vee Aug. 31.

The new coffee shop will be the first full installation of the brand in Kirksville, although the Northeast Regional Medical Center serves some Starbucks drinks in its gift shop, said Robin Critchlow, Hy-Vee manager of perishables.

Critchlow, who has been overseeing plans for the new Starbucks, said the shop will serve all Starbucks beverage and pastry options, but will not serve sandwiches. She said the Starbucks will be located at the front of the store, where the photo station used to be, and will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

"If later we find that the students need us to stay open later ... I'm sure we will be looking at that," Critchlow said.

The Kirksville location is one of a series of Starbucks openings in Hy-Vees throughout the country, Critchlow said, and is a business partnership between the two companies. She said the Kirksville Hy-Vee saw the success of other Starbucks-Hy-Vee partnerships and grasped the opportunity because of interest from the community.

Currently, the Hy-Vee Starbucks is installing equipment and training employees about Starbucks expectations and how to make drinks, Critchlow said. The employees will be hired and paid by Hy-Vee, but will have to maintain Starbucks standards, she said. Hy-Vee has moved some employees to the Starbucks, but also has been hiring new people to fill barista positions.

Hy-Vee no longer has a full-service photo-

graph section, but does offer a kiosk for immediate photo printing, she said.

Sophomore Renee Baharaeen said she is excited for Starbucks to open and thinks it will be a great addition to the Kirksville community. Students often talk about wanting a Starbucks in Kirksville, so this will make many students excited, she said.

"There are a lot of Starbucks locations in Kansas City, so now that one is being added in Kirksville it will be like having a new little piece of home at college," Baharaeen said.

The Northeast Regional Medical Center gift shop Starbucks services will not be expanding into a full-service Starbucks due to space constraints, said Andrea Greer, Northeast Regional Medical Center chef. She said she does not anticipate a decrease of customers when the new Starbucks opens because many current customers are hospital employees and visitors.