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This Administration has reviewed this issue. We appreciate the citizens of Jonesboro who have come to the Council meetings and expressed their views. I can tell you that at this time, the Administration of the City of Jonesboro does not allow discrimination in its daily operations against any of its employees. Our employee handbook is very clear on this. The City of Jonesboro is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Federal government requires it, and we require it. Our handbook states:

It is the continuing policy of the City of Jonesboro to ensure equal employment opportunity in all personnel actions taken.

As for adding any other explicitly defined protected classes, the Administration does not feel it is necessary at this time. Let me be very clear. We are following, and will continue to follow, ALL Federal and State laws in our hiring, promotion, and employment practices. If any changes to our Employee Handbook are necessary, they will be made at the appropriate time, based on our recommendations and with the approval of the Council.

Mayor Harold Perrin