

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**  
**CODE COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

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**ATTENDEES**

Jamie Bean, Chair  
Ian Fay, Vice Chair  
Arinee Flurry, Recorder  
Gloria Felix-Thompson, Member  
Angel DuBose, Member  
Lena Bradley, Member  
Joe Brewer, Code Compliance Committee Liaison  
Jimmy McClellan (Councilmember Liaison Ward 3)  
Kareem Redmond (Councilmember Liaison Ward 5)

**ABSENTEES**

Stacey Dennery, Member

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes**

Arinee advised committee during August meeting she was unable to record notes for today. Committee decided to record but storage was full and unable to obtain recording. Will have to vote for August and September during October 2023.

**2. Update on Code Issues**

- a. Business licenses season. Joe is updating code brochure because its 10 years out of date. Its helpful for new business owners and now working on residential brochure. Also working up door hangers for friendly precursor violation notice to gain compliance without receiving a formal notice. This helps to boost relationships for minor violations.
- b. Joe also suggested having code staff have lapels made up for young entrepreneurs in the city.

- c. Complaints from one of council members on a side of city they are working to get it addressed with property owners.
- d. Update on Ch 113 Proposed Revisions. During presentations, Councilmember Waszczak asked whether an equity analysis was done it was referred to the appropriate official for that analysis. Jimmy reached out to Laura Reams and just answered to email with Equity Officer, he is hoping it can get before council in October. Ideal timeline is a month but by end of year at the latest.
- e. Urban farming initiative. Ian and Jamie spoke to see what next steps should be because of good info from Kim. They will reach out to race and equity task force, and they are interested in learning more about it. May have Kim come back to speak about food portion. Reached out to environmental committee members Thaddeus Wand James, so Jamie will keep us all posted on that discussion. Next steps would be writing changes to code.

Jamie indicated her and Ian recommend keeping current code as is and just striking one word as presented by Danny. Arinee advised that she prefers more prescriptive language to prevent issues that could arise from vague code. Gloria raised the issue of residents having more chickens than they should for a healthy environment. Jamie shared recommendation and advise education would also be included.

Danny's drafted ordinance amending Chapter 52 of the Hyattsville Charter and Code to amend section §52-10 by striking the inclusion of "domestic fowl", and "poultry and game birds" from the list of prohibited animals. Roosters will remain on the list of prohibited animals in the Code. Jimmy suggested providing more detail rather than less.

Ian emphasized the need to educate and influence the community on becoming an agriculture area after

Next steps – Arinee would perform comparison of code and county resource links that Jamie prepared and Kim sent. Afterwards Jamie and Ian will draft language and send to council. Jimmy suggested getting recommendation in January before budget season. Ian will review recommendations and considerations. Jamie will move forward with talking with chairs and environmental committee.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZGOeWwYthxUyFtQmVnmjoHVcbgSCwUGhRhGOy3BU76E/edit?usp=sharing> . (Jamie research document)  
<https://www.pgscd.org/urban-agricultural-conservation/urban-ag-property-tax-credit/> (education)

### **3. New Business**

- a. Gloria advised there will be changes to tree ordinance because of changes from another committee. It will come up in next month so code committee should plan accordingly.
- b. Grass ordinance for timeline for length of days but Jamie reminded him that that was placed on hold until after agriculture/tree ordinance update because both could impact. Arinee asked Joe how many violations city receives per month, Joe wasn't aware of number but indicated it keeps code busy during spring and summer.
- c. New applicant received for code committee.

### **4. Next Meeting**

Next meeting scheduled on October 18, 2023 –Committee will further discuss tall grass and urban farming issue.