



Legislation Text

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Agenda Section: Discussion

Item Title:

Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution: 2024-02: Amending the Charter to Utilize Gender Neutral Language and Modernize the Charter's Gender Equality Provision

Suggested Action:

For discussion. A public hearing will be held at 6 PM on April 1, 2024, to hear input from the community on the proposed amendment to the City's Charter.

Summary Background:

Charter Amendment Resolution 2024-02: Amending the Charter to Utilize Gender Neutral Language

In accordance with the City's goals of being a welcoming and inclusive community, the proposed amendment will remove gendered language from the City Charter. The amendment will also expand the Charter's existing provision regarding equal protections for women with respect to registering, voting, and holding office to include all gender identities and expressions to be inclusive and welcoming of all persons.

Next Steps:

Timeline for Adoption

- April 1: Public Hearing at 6 PM, Council discussion during the scheduled 7 PM Council meeting
- April 15: Scheduled Adoption of the Charter Amendment Resolution
- June 4: Effective Date of the Charter Amendment Resolution

Fiscal Impact:

The City will incur printing fees to publish the required summary notice of the Charter Amendment Resolution in the Prince George's Post.

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

Community members are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments on the proposed charter amendment resolution. The proposed amendment is published on the City's website under "Hyattsville Ordinances". Upon adoption, the City Clerk's office will publish the required legal notices and transmit the resolution to the State Department of Legislative Services.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1 - Ensure Transparent and Accessible Governance

Legal Review Required?

Complete