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Submitting Department: Legislative
Agenda Section: Consent

Item Title:
Removing Unjust Penalties in the Municipal Charter and Code - Imprisonment

Suggested Action:
I move that the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to remove all existing references to imprisonment or jail as a penalty for violations of the municipal charter and code.

Summary Background:
The City of Hyattsville Charter and Code contains twelve (12) sections where imprisonment is an authorized penalty for violations of the stated code.

These include violations of codes governing:

- Absentee Voting
- Altering/Tampering with Code
- Cable Franchise (Operation without a Franchise)
- Election Misconduct
- Metered Parking (Tampering with Equipment)
- Noncompliance with Stop Orders
- Peddling/Door-to-Door Soliciting
- Personnel Manual
- Rental Licenses (Authorizing Occupation without License)
- Secondhand Property Dealers
- Unauthorized Use of City Logo and Seals

Imprisonment is an inappropriately harsh penalty for these violations and should be removed from the municipal code.

Next Steps:

Upon Council approval, the City will proceed with review and update of the Charter/Code. The changes will come back to Council in the form of ordinances (or one aggregate ordinance) for discussion and adoption.

Fiscal Impact:

Legal fees.

City Administrator Comments:

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Community Engagement:

The updated City Charter and Code will be posted on the City's website.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

Pending