

Hyattsville Code Compliance Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 11.20.2024

Members:

- Thoa Hoang (Chair) - Present
- Ian Fay (Vice Chair) - Absent
- Stacy Dennery (Recorder) - Present
- Arinee Flurry (Member) – Present
- Kareem Redmond (Council Member Liaison Ward 3) - Present
- Joe Brewer (Staff Liaison) – Present
- Jamie Been (Member) - Absent
- Susan Zahran (Member) - Present
- Lena Bradley (Member) – Absent
- Gloria Felix-Thompson (Member) - Present
- ~~Jimmy McClellan (Council Member Liaison Ward 3)~~ – No longer a Council Member

Topics Discussed:

- November agenda is approved.
- October meeting minutes are approved.
- 1 Guest present for public comment: Michael Bonds wants to acknowledge the great work that the advisory committee does.
- Personnel update: Council Member McClellan left the committee because he moved out of Hyattsville.
- 2025 Meeting Schedule was released.
- Voting to make a recommendation to align the current code to match the County on urban fowl.
 - Email received from a Hyattsville resident asking why this issue on urban fowl is being brought up again to Council when it was voted down in 2020. Committee discusses that we have further researched the language and background on our recommendation.
 - The Committee reviewed the [Q&A](#) doc and [Recommendation Memo](#).
 - **The Advisory Committee votes to recommend to the City Council the following strike through of the language on domestic fowl:**
 - Current language: § 52-10 Prohibited animals.
[Amended 4-5-2004 by HO-2004-09]
Keeping livestock, domestic fowl and/or wild exotic rare animals is prohibited within the City. This includes but is not limited to: cattle, horses, swine, sheep, pigs, goats, turkeys, roosters and other poultry and game birds, or wild exotic cats, monkeys, venomous snakes and any endangered species.
 - [Backyard Chicken Act HCC-192-FY20](#)
 - Proposed language: The Code Compliance Advisory Committee recommends that the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to draft an 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. We recommend that the Council bring this up for discussion before June 2025 (i.e., before FY 25).

- Thoa will provide final clean up to the Q&A and Recommendation Memo documents and send them to the City Clerk.
- Thoa (Committee Chair) is moving out of Hyattsville and will need a replacement chair. Ian (co-Chair) will address this at the January meeting.
- Committee will not hold a meeting in December 2024. Next meeting will be January 15, 2024.
- Council Member Kareem Redmond will look into the junk vehicle language update.
- Electric Leaf Blower ordinance update: Code Team wasn't involved in the creation of the ordinance, but does not have the power to enforce or compel compliance. Code Team cannot compel a contractor to provide their ID to provide a warning or fine. Since there is no property attached to that contractor's ID, the fine doesn't need to be paid. The size of the Code Team (5) does not have the manpower to stop them from being used. Resident photos or Ring footage cannot be used in court (only Code Team photos).
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:16pm