

Hyattsville Code Compliance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2/18

Members:

Name	Title	Status
Michael Bonds	Chair	Present
Arinee Flurry	Vice Chair	Present
Stacy Dennerly	Recorder	
Ian Fay	Member	
Juan Pablo (JP) Madrid	Member	Present
Susan Zahran	Member	Present
Gloria Felix-Thompson	Member	Present
CJ Reading	Code Compliance Staff Liaison	Present
Jeff Ulysse	Director of Community, Business, and Econ Dev	
Hal Metzler	Code Compliance Staff Liaison	
Dealon LaCroix	CAO Rep for Hyattsville Public Works	
Gopi Dhokai	Council Member Liaison Ward 3	Absent

Topics Discussed:

1. Roll Call taken
2. Agenda approved by the Committee.
3. Minutes for the prior meeting are approved.
4. Comments from the public: No attendees
5. Code Compliance Updates from City's Staff Liaison:
 - o Snow Issue in Code
 - When it snows, code has to clean within 24 hours any abutting public sidewalks and streets. City gave residents and businesses an extension of 48hrs, but it was still challenging. City focused on multifamily and businesses making sure those two had sidewalks available to the public. Significant number of citations (maybe more than 30) were issues to businesses. Priority was businesses, but warnings were given to homeowners with high level of foot traffic.
 - Code was changed a couple of years back, section of snow enforcement the citation for violation was changed in 1/3/2023 by Ordinance #222-06 (or Chapter 105-125) and states that amount shall be half of the maximum of what the state allows on the first day. Maryland allows \$5K (2021 was \$1K but now, so the first day for Hyattsville is \$2.5K which would be what Hyattsville would have to require if citations were issues. The amount is excessive, so Hyattsville Code focused on businesses and multifamily complexes where there was high level foot traffic.
 - Code unanimously agreed that code should be revised to a reasonable amount, the law is not working towards what it is intended to accomplish. Code found that contractor cost for single family is \$300, CJ suggested revision of fine in code to reflect \$200 for single family and subsequent fine could be \$500. A reasonable businesses initial fine would be \$1K. PG

county fines \$100 p/day and Salt Lake City defines fines with square footage. Committee will create a recommendation to send to Council. Code suggested abatement language, 48 hours after last fine city is permitted to remove snow and abate to homeowner or business.

- May need to look at the full chapter of 105-125 because the whole chapter is subject to Maryland's fine amount.
 - o Bamboo at Sacred Heart - CJ will follow up tomorrow.
6. New Business:
 - o Dog Waste - issue with cleanup in committee areas. Who is responsible for cleaning up in front of home on public sidewalks.
 7. Next Meeting - March 18, 2026 @ 7:15pm.
 8. Meeting is adjourned.