

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE  
ORDINANCE 2013-05

**An Ordinance whereby the City Council adds language to its regulation of rental units to prohibit discrimination on the basis of physical characteristics.**

WHEREAS, Maryland Annotated Code, Article 23A, Section 2 grants to municipal corporations of the State of Maryland, including the City of Hyattsville, the power to protect the health, comfort and convenience of their citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that §96-1(B) of the Hyattsville Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 96, § 96-1

§ 96-1. Purpose, finding, scope and definitions.

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B. Finding. The City finds that providing for public health, safety and welfare to its residents mandates the existence of a rental dwelling unit license and inspection and maintenance program that corrects substandard conditions and maintains a standard for rental dwelling units. The process must not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, ancestry, color, creed, marital status, national origin, religious affiliation, belief or opinion, gender identity, **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC** or sexual orientation.

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**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a fair summary of this ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and otherwise be made available to the public.

**INTRODUCED** by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on NOVEMBER 18, 2013.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on DECEMBER 2, 2013.

Adopted: 12/2/13

Attest: 

  
Mayor

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