

City of Lambertville

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-2014**

*An Ordinance to Establish the Lambertville Human Rights Council*

**The City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)**

**Demographics**

At the 2010 United States Census, there were 3,906 people, 1,958 households, and 896.8 families residing in the city. The population density was 3,386.1 inhabitants per square mile. There were 2,075 housing units at an average density of 1,798.8 per square mile. The racial makeup of the city was 91.30% (3,566) White; 1.95% (76) Black or African American; 0.20% (8) Native American; 1.31% (51) Pacific Islander; 4.12% (161) from other races, and 1.13% (44), from two or more races, Hispanic or Latino of any race 9.75% (381) of the population. The 2010 United States Census also captured the number of same-sex couples and unmarried couples in the City of Lambertville. In fact same sex couples accounted for 53.5% of all unmarried couples.

Over the past 20 years, the City of Lambertville has grown to recognize the positive socio-economic contributions made by members of the LGBT community. The City of Lambertville's acceptance of diversity and acceptance regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability is widely known throughout the State of New Jersey. In 2007, the Mayor officiated New Jersey's first Civil Union. Then in 2013, the Mayor officiated New Jersey's first Same Sex Marriage and the ceremony was beamed around the world.

The national and global recognition of acceptance of people from many diverse backgrounds comes with a responsibility. It is a responsibility to protect what we have all worked so hard to achieve.

**Mission**

The **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** shall promote education regarding living in a diverse community and address any problems of intimidating or violent acts, which may be committed because of the group to which citizens may belong or identify with.

**Purpose**

Among its many activities, the **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** will cooperate with, and make recommendations to the governing body to educate, encourage,

develop, promote, and strengthen respect for the human rights of the citizens of Lambertville no matter their race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability - so they may achieve their highest possible level of success.

**Council established; appointment; compensation; terms; vacancies.**

The **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** will consist of a total of nine (9) members, from both the public and private sector, and is hereby established in the City of Lambertville. The members of the **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Lambertville City Council.

Public Sector Members:

- 1) The Mayor of the City of Lambertville, or his or her representative, to run concurrent with the Mayor's 3 year term;
- 2) The President of the Lambertville City Council, or his/her representative, for a one year term;
- 3) The Police Director of the City of Lambertville, for a one year term;
- 4) The Director of Public Assistance of the City of Lambertville, for a three year term concurrent with the Mayor's 3 year term;
- 5) The President of Board of Education from the Lambertville-Stockton-West Amwell unified school district, or his/her representative, for three year term concurrent with their term;
- 6) The Chairperson of the Lambertville Free and Public Library, or his or her representative, for a one-year term.

Private Sector Members:

- 7) A resident of the City of Lambertville for a 2-year term;
- 8) A resident of the City of Lambertville for a 3-year term;
- 9) A resident of the City of Lambertville for a 5-year term.

The Clerk of the City of Lambertville will be an adjunct non-voting member.  
All members of the LHRC shall serve without compensation.

**Chairman; officers**

One (1) of said members shall be appointed by the Mayor as Chairperson.

**The City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** may have such other officers, as it deems necessary.

## **Meetings**

The **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council** shall meet on the first Monday following January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for purposes of reorganization. The agenda at this meeting should include election of officers, appointment of committees, adoption of bylaws or rules of procedure, fixing date and place of meetings and such other business as shall properly come before the Lambertville Human Relations Council at the annual reorganization meeting.

The **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** will meet a minimum of 2 times in any given calendar year, inclusive of the reorganization meeting.

## **Records; annual report**

The **City of Lambertville Human Relations Council (LHRC)** shall keep records of its meetings, activities and finances and shall make an annual report to the City of Lambertville Mayor and Council.

Introduction and First Reading: June 24, 2014

Public Hearing and Second Reading: July 15, 2014

## **CLERKS CERTIFICATE**

I, Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, Clerk of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. I am the duly appointed Clerk of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (herein called the "City"). In this capacity, I have the responsibility to maintain the minutes of the meetings of the governing body of the City and the records relative to all ordinances and resolutions of the City. The representations made herein are based upon the records of the City.
2. Attached hereto is a true and complete copy of an ordinance passed by the governing body of the City on first reading June 24, 2014 and finally adopted by the governing body on July 15, 2014.
3. On July 3, 2014 a copy of the ordinance and a notice that copies of the ordinance would be made available to the members of the general public of the municipality who requested copies, up to and including the time of further consideration of the ordinance by the governing body, was posted in the principal municipal building of the City at the place where public notices are customarily posted. Copies of the ordinance were made available to all who requested them.

4. After final passage, the ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto, was duly published on July 24, 2014 in the Beacon. No protest signed by any person against making the improvement or incurring the indebtedness authorized therein, nor any petition requesting that a referendum vote be taken on the action proposed in the ordinance has been presented to the governing body or to me or filed in my office within the 20 days after the publication or at any other time after the final passage thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.



Cynthia L. Ege, City Clerk



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