

ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-2023

An Ordinance to Amend the Lambertville City Code, 2014, Chapter 3, Section 3-17

**§ 3-17 THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (LHRC).
[Ord. No. 17-2014; Ord. No. 28-2017; amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]**

§ 3-17.1 Introduction.

The City of Lambertville's acceptance of diversity regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability is widely known throughout the State of New Jersey. The acceptance of people from many diverse backgrounds comes with responsibility. It is a responsibility to protect what we have all worked so hard to achieve.

**§ 3-17.2 Mission.
[Amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]**

The City of Lambertville Human Rights Council (LHRC) shall work cooperatively among people and groups to promote awareness regarding living in a diverse community and to address and to prevent any problems of intimidating or violent acts, which may be committed because of the group to which citizens may belong or identify.

**§ 3-17.3 Purpose.
[Amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]**

Among its many activities, the City of Lambertville Human Rights 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 all may achieve their highest possible level of success.

**§ 3-17.4 Council Established; Appointment; Compensation; Terms; Vacancies.
[Amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019; 4-22-2021 by Ord. No. 06-2021]**

The City of Lambertville Human Rights Council (LHRC) will consist of 10 members, from both the public and private sector. Members are appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City of Lambertville Governing Body. Every effort will be made to appoint a diverse group of residents to ensure to the greatest extent practicable that all segments of Lambertville's population are represented.

a. Public Sector Members:

1. The Mayor of the City of Lambertville, or their representative from the Governing Body, to run concurrent with the Mayor's three-year term. This position shall serve as a liaison to the Lambertville Human Rights Council but shall not be considered a member of the Lambertville Human Rights Council and shall not vote on Council matters;
2. The Police Director or Officer-in-Charge of the City of Lambertville or their representative, to run concurrently with the Mayor's three-year term;
3. The Director of Public Assistance of the City of Lambertville, for a three-year term concurrent with the Mayor's three-year term;
4. The Mayor may appoint a resident member of the South Hunterdon Regional School District, for a three-year term concurrent with their term;
5. The Chairperson of the Lambertville Free and Public Library, or their representative, for a one-year

term.

b. Private Sector Members:

1. There shall be five members from the private sector appointed to serve on the Lambertville Human Rights Council. They shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Governing Body, and shall be residents of Lambertville, and shall serve a 3-year term. All members of the LHRC shall serve without compensation.

2. The South Hunterdon Regional School District may propose one student from the school district for a one-year term that begins with the academic calendar year. This is an optional appointment and will be a non-voting position.

§ 3-17.5 Chairman; Officers.

One of said members shall be appointed by the Mayor as Chairperson. One of said members will be appointed by the Mayor to serve and LGBTQ+ Liaison to the Mayor. Additional officers shall be elected by the majority of the membership at the annual reorganization meeting.

§ 3-17.6 Meetings.

[Amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]

The City of Lambertville Human Rights Council shall meet on the second Monday following January 1st 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 Rights Council at the annual reorganization meeting.

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

§ 3-17.7 Records; Annual Report.

[Amended 5-16-2019 by Ord. No. 11-2019]

The City of Lambertville Human Rights 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.

§ 3-18 through § 3-20. (RESERVED)

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