

No. 13-24-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying the revisions of Article VI of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulation concerning housing and community environment.

Whereas, Allegheny County, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §§ 12001 – 12028, created the Allegheny County Health Department, and the Allegheny County Board of Health; and

Whereas, Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law provides for the Board of Health to adopt regulations and submit such regulations to Allegheny County for approval or rejection; and

Whereas, on July 17, 2024 during its regularly scheduled public meeting, the Allegheny County Board of Health adopted by affirmative vote the attached revisions to Article VI and

Whereas, it is the desire of Council to ratify the revise Allegheny County Health Department regulations as approved by the Board of Health.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Ratification of Regulations.

Acting pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law and the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, County Council hereby ratifies the revisions of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article VI, “Houses and Community Environment”, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 3. **Severability.**

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution which shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. **Repealer.**

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

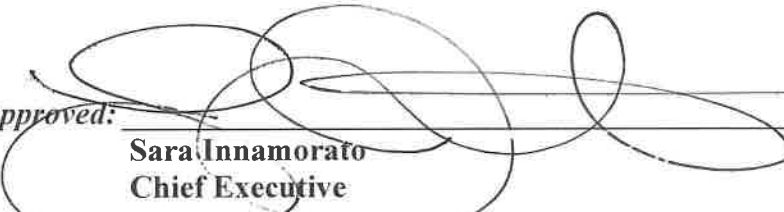
Enacted in Council, this 27th day of September, 2024.

Council Agenda No. 13157-24.


Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: 
Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office September 27, 2024

Approved: 
Sara Innamorato
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Grant Gittlen
Chief of Staff

**Proposed Revisions of Allegheny County Health Department
Rules and Regulations, Article IV, Houses and Community Environment ---**

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the authority granted to it under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law, Sections 12010(f) and 12011(c), on July 17, 2024, the Allegheny County Board of Health approved revisions to the Allegheny County Health Department (“ACHD”) Rule and Regulation Article VI, “Houses and Community Environment.” The motion to approve passed without opposing vote. This approval was preceded by a 60-day public comment period, including a public hearing held on July 6, 2023.

Throughout the comment period, ACHD and the Housing and Community Environment Program performed outreach activities to encourage comment from all corners of the housing sector. A wide spectrum of stakeholders ultimately submitted comments. The ACHD ultimately received and responded to a total of fourteen (14) unique individuals comments; twelve (12) people submitted written comments and three (3) people gave oral testimony at the Hearing, while one (1) person gave both written and oral comments supporting, opposing or offering revisions to amendments found throughout the revised Article. Because of the wide support for the amendments, no further changes were required following the comment period.

In particular, the ACHD proposes the creation of a housing advisory committee which would allow for greater stakeholder input in the promulgation of rules and regulations which guide ACHD’s Housing and Community Environment program’s activity. This amendment provides the procedure for the selection of member to this committee. It also articulates the committee’s mandate which is to advice the Allegheny County Health Department and the Board of Health on matters relating to public health issues central to ACHD’s Housing and Community Environment program activity.

EXHIBIT "A"

PROPOSED REVISION

Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations

Article VI, Houses and Community Environment

§666 Housing Advisory Committee

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE VI – HOUSES AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Deletions from original draft flowing public comment are shown with ~~strikethroughs~~.

Additions are shown in **larger font, bolded, and underlined**.

Table of Contents should also be modified and changed accordingly and represented in larger, bold and underlined text.

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666. HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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There is hereby established a Housing Advisory Committee which may recommend to the Board of Health additions and changes to this Article and advise the Department and Board of Health on public health matters relative to the Allegheny County Health Department Housing and Community Environment Program's operations governed by this section of the code.

A. Membership:

1. Members shall be appointed by the County Executive and approved by County Council and shall serve a term of no more than three (3) years or until the next appointment.

2. The Housing Advisory Committee shall consist of an odd number of appointees of at least nine (9) and up to fifteen (15) individuals. Each member may identify an alternate in writing to vote in their stead. The member shall provide the name, address, email address and phone number of the alternate to the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

3. Advisory Committee members shall be willing to serve on the committee in the interest of public health and consist of a balance of representation from a variety of sectors including but not limited to rental housing owners, landlord organizations, non-profit housing providers, rooming house operators, relevant experts from academia, community-based organizations, tenant advocacy organizations, and county residents.

4. The ~~Director~~ Department's representatives ~~or her designees~~ shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of the Committee.

5. The Advisory Committee shall elect from its members a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Committee. The election shall be for one (1) year terms and held at the first meeting after January 1 of each year.

B. Procedures:

1. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the request of the Chair, or the Director Department or any three (3) members of the Advisory Committee.

2. Each year the Advisory Committee shall adopt such procedures and provisions as it deems necessary to conduct its business.

3. A quorum, which shall consist of no less than a majority of voting members, shall be required to conduct the business of the Advisory Committee, and all votes to conduct business shall be by simple majority of those voting.

4. The Advisory Committee shall comply with the PA Sunshine Act and all other applicable Local, State, and Federal laws as required.

C. The effective date of the Allegheny County Health Department Housing Advisory Committee shall be January 1, 2025.