

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 150225)

RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs, to provide for the powers and duties of such Office, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Office into the City government; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the following amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 1 OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

§3-100. Executive and Administrative Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions and Agencies Designated.

The executive and administrative work of the City shall be performed by:

- (a) The following elected or appointed officers:

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Handicapped and Disabled Advocate;

Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs.

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CHAPTER 2 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

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§ 3-212. Director of Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs.

The Mayor shall appoint the Director of the Office of LGBT Affairs.

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ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH – POWERS AND DUTIES The Mayor, The City Representative and Departments, Boards, Commissions and Offices Under the Mayor

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CHAPTER 18 OFFICE OF LGBT AFFAIRS

§ 4-1800. *Creation.*

The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Affairs is hereby created in the Office of the Mayor, headed by the Director of LGBT Affairs.

§ 4-1801. *Powers and Duties.*

The Office of LGBT Affairs shall have the power and its duty shall be to perform the following functions:

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(a) *Develop proposed City policy regarding civil rights issues affecting LGBT people;*

(b) *Coordinate the implementation of policies and programs to meet the City's diversity and equality goals as expressed in this Charter, ordinances and Executive Orders;*

(c) *Coordinate among City Departments, agencies and offices to improve LGBT access to City services, and to promote equality and safety for LGBT people;*

(d) *Support the growth and development of the City's LGBT communities;*
and

(e) *Serve as liaison between the City's and region's LGBT communities and the City.*

APPENDIX

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CHAPTER A-2

§ A-200. Schedule.

This Charter shall become effective on the first Monday of January, 1952, except in the following particulars:

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(9) *The amendments to this Charter relating to the Office of LGBT Affairs shall take effect July 1, 2016.*

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth day of May, 2015.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla, Blackwell, Greenlee, Goode, Neilson, Bass, Jones, Johnson, Oh, Henon, O'Neill and Council President Clarke