

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Health Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Health Advisory Council Additional Powers and Duties

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 16, Health Advisory Council (HAC), Section 16-5, Powers And Duties, to grant to the Health Advisory Council those additional powers and duties specifically otherwise granted in the Code.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

Code amendments must be adopted by the Board of Commissioners

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

The Township Solicitor has drafted amendment language regarding the powers and duties of the HAC and its authority to regulate tattooing and body piercing in the Township, to be added to the existing Township Code.

The HAC is authorized to establish rules and regulations for tattooing and body piercing by businesses in the Township under Chapter 90-4.13 of the Lower Merion Code but there is not currently language in Chapter 16-5, Health Advisory Council Powers and Duties giving them this authority. This code amendment adds language in Chapter 16 giving the HAC the authority to create such rules and regulations.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

N/A

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorizing the advertisement of this proposed ordinance.