

HUNTINGTON, WV

June 2022

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO
“BAN CONVERSION
THERAPY”**

WHAT DOES THIS ORDINANCE CALL “CONVERSION THERAPY”?

Any practices or treatments that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.

WHO DOES THIS ORDINANCE EFFECT?

Any minor under the age of 18 years old who is being treated by any medical or mental health professional.

WHO ORIGINATED THIS ORDINANCE?

“Council Chairwoman Holly Smith Mount said she brought the ordinance forth after attending a Fairness West Virginia meeting.” – McKenna Horsley - Herald Dispatch – June 19, 2022

WHAT IS THE LGBTQ MOVEMENT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT?

Source: www.lgbtmap.org

- **OPPOSE:** Don’t Say Gay Law Barring or Explicitly Restricting Educators From Discussing LGBTQ People or Issues in School
- **OPPOSE:** Law Requiring Parental Notification of LGBTQ Inclusive Curricula and Allowing Parents to Opt Children Out
- **OPPOSE:** Laws Preventing Transgender Students from Using Restroom Facilities Consistent With Their Gender Identity
- **OPPOSE:** Laws Preventing Transgender Students from Participating in Sports Consistent With Their Gender Identity

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WHEN ARE THE MEETINGS:

1st READING – June 27th – 7:30 PM – CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2nd READING – July 11th – 7:30 PM – CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY

WHAT ARE THE TALKING POINTS:

- THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT STOP HARMFUL CONVERSION THERAPY. IT SIMPLY ELIMINATES CHOICES OF PARENTS AND THE FREE SPEECH OF LICENSED MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.
- THIS ORDINANCE IS AN OVERREACH BY A CITY COUNCIL WHO HAS MORE IMPORTANT WORK THAT IS BEING IGNORED: FLOODING, STREETS, CRIME, DRUGS, AND TAXES.
- PARENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ALL HEALTHCARE CHOICES FOR THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT.
- MEDICAL FREEDOMS SHOULD NOT BE INFRINGED FOR ANY CITIZEN.
- THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO RULE ON MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.
- THIS IS A DUPLICATION OF REGULATIONS AND A WASTE OF TAXPAYER RESOURCES.
- START RUNNING THE CITY AND STOP TRYING TO RUN OUR FAMILIES.