



**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.**

The City of Portage Human Services Board will conduct a public hearing on a proposed Non-Discrimination Ordinance amendment at a meeting on **Thursday, May 26, 2016** in the Council Chambers of Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

**Ordinance Amendment:** Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, Article 7 of the City of Portage Codified Ordinances. In summary, the proposed amendment will create a local Non-Discrimination Ordinance that will provide protections for persons covered under state and federal civil rights statutes, and additional protections for sexual orientation and gender identity. The proposed amendment will provide non-discrimination protections in three core areas relating to housing, employment, and public accommodations. The proposed amendment outlines the procedures for filing a complaint, administration, investigation and resolution of complaints, as well as exceptions to the ordinance.

All interested persons are welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed ordinance amendment. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department of Community Development prior to 12:00 noon the day of the public hearing. The proposed ordinance amendment is available for review under Documents on the Human Services Board webpage on the City of Portage website as follows:

<http://www.portagemi.gov/Boards-and-Commissions/HumanServicesBoard.aspx>

A copy of the proposed ordinance can also be reviewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Department of Community Development, Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, Michigan, 49002. Please contact the Department of Community Development at 329-4477 for additional customer assistance.

Dated: March 10, 2016