

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

October 5, 2017

<u>Via E-Mail</u> John G. Murray President and Chief Operating Officer Hospitality Properties Trust Two Newton Place 255 Washington Street, Suite 300 Newton, Massachusetts 02458

> Re: Hospitality Properties Trust Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 Filed March 1, 2017 Definitive Proxy Statement Filed April 24, 2017 File No. 1-11527

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kim McManus

Kim McManus Senior Attorney Office of Real Estate and Commodities