

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts, with respect to Chapter 9, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

The City of Lowell seeks to establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to the Lowell Police Department.

City of Lowell values healthy community-police relations; and

This Committee, once established, will serve to further enhance those relations;

THEREFORE, "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts," hereinafter called the "Code," adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 9 thereof, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees", by adding a new Article XV as follows:

ARTICLE XV

Citizen Advisory Committee to the Lowell Police Department

A. Under the authority of the Home Rule Amendment Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, there is hereby created a Citizen Advisory Committee to the City of Lowell Police Department.

§9-52. Establishment, function and purpose.

- a. Assist in community outreach efforts between the Police Department and the Community;
- b. Promote public awareness of the City's police services, activities, programs, and public safety issues;
- c. Solicit public input regarding police services, programs, and issues of public safety;
- d. Provide community feedback and recommendations of police programs and activity;
- e. Review and make recommendations concerning other matters as maybe referred to the Committee, from time to time, via the Chief of Police, City Manager, or City Council.
- f. Listen to community opinions and needs and discuss these with the City Manager, Police Department, and City Council;
- g. Enhance police-community relations by serving as a liaison between the police department and the community;
- h. Support public awareness of the City of Lowell police services and programs.

§9-53. Membership; Appointment; terms; qualifications.

- a. All members of the Police Advisory Committee shall be residents of the City of Lowell. The Committee shall consist of seven (9) members: two members shall be a junior or senior in High School; one member shall be enrolled at Middlesex Community College; one member shall be enrolled at UMass Lowell; one member shall be a faith-based leader; one member shall be a non-profit/social service leader; one member shall be a business leader; and, two members shall be other community members.
- b. Members shall submit their names to the City Manager for consideration.
- c. The high school and college students shall serve a term of one year and the other members shall serve a term of two years. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a recording Clerk. The Committee will reorganize such elected positions at the first meeting each July or the first meeting held after June 30th.
- d. The Chairperson shall conduct each meeting. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. The Clerk shall prepare the agenda, post proper notice of meetings, maintain a record of dates of appointment of members and their attendance and prepare the minutes of each meeting.
- e. The Advisory Committee shall meet on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

All provisions of the Code of the City of Lowell, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance shall continue in effect but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Manager Eileen M. Donoghue
Mayor John Leahy
And
Members of the City Council

Re: Citizen Advisory Council to the Lowell Police Department

Dear Manager Donoghue, Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

Attached is a proposed ordinance creating a Citizen Advisory Council to the Lowell Police Department. If approved, the Citizen Advisory Council will be added to Chapter 9, "Boards Commissions and Committees," and will serve to further enhance the police department's ability to respond to the needs of the community.

Very truly yours,

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City Solicitor