

Title: The Civilian Police Review Board

Sec. 215 Civilian Police Review Board

There shall be a Civilian Police Review Board which shall be comprised of an odd number of members, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. The members shall be representative of the diverse communities within the City of Columbus on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, and geographic region.

Funding for the Civilian Police Review Board shall be appropriated on an annual basis in an amount sufficient to pay for the personnel services and other expenses necessary for the effective operations of the Board. Annual appropriations for the Civilian Police Review Board shall not be reduced unless financial circumstances dictate an overall reduction to the City's budget, in the event of which, the annual appropriation for the Civilian Police Review Board shall not be reduced in an amount disproportionate to the overall decrease in city expenditures. The Mayor shall set forth the basis for any reduction in writing to the Council and the Civilian Police Review Board at the time of submission or adoption, as applicable, of any budget or budget modification.

Sec. 216 Terms of office of Civilian Police Review Board Members

The term of office of members of the Civilian Police Review Board shall be four years.

Sec. 217 Powers and duties

The Civilian Police Review Board shall receive, initiate, cause investigation of, and recommend resolution of complaints filed with it or initiated by the Board alleging misconduct by sworn members of the Columbus Division of Police. Upon completion of an investigation, the Board shall make recommendations to the Division of Police regarding resolution of the complaint and, where warranted by the facts, may make recommendations pertaining to discipline.

The Division of Police shall make available its records relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state law. The Board shall have the authority to request the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, photographs, audio recordings, electronic files, and other tangible evidence relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state law. With the approval of the City Attorney or the City Attorney's designee, the Board shall have the authority to request that a subpoena issue to compel the attendance of a key witness or the production of any documents, photographs, audio tapes, electronic files or other tangible evidence relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board in accordance with relevant provisions of the Charter, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state and, for city employee members of a bargaining unit, the terms of any collective bargaining agreement.

Subject to the approval of Council, the Civilian Police Review Board shall make rules providing for the procedure of the Board and for the review of complaints filed with it. Rules of the Board and amendments thereto shall take effect fifteen (15) days after their publication in the City Bulletin. The

Board shall perform such other duties not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter as may be required of the Board by ordinance.

Sec. 218 Department of the Inspector General for the Columbus Division of Police

There shall be a Department of the Inspector General for the Columbus Division of Police, consisting of an Inspector General, one or more investigators, administrative support staff, and the Civilian Police Review Board. The Inspector General shall be appointed by a 2/3 vote of the Civilian Police Review Board and confirmed by the Mayor to serve a five (5) year term. The Department of the Inspector General shall be independent from the Department of Public Safety and the Inspector General shall serve under the guidance of the Civilian Police Review Board

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