



CITY OF
WICHITA



Ordinance Amending Ch. 2.10 of the Code of the City of Wichita Pertaining to the Citizen Review Board



City Manager's Office

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Background



- The Citizen's Review Board was formed to:
 - Assist the Wichita Police Department with outreach opportunities
 - Review racial and other biased-based policies
 - Advise on policy development and practices
 - Review post-discipline findings of Professional Standards Bureau investigations upon request of the Chief of Police or the Board.



Analysis



- The proposed amendments increase number of members from 11 to 13 and give the Mayor and the City Council authority to appoint seven members of the 13-member Board
- Remaining six members will continue to be appointed by the City Manager
- Members of the Board will serve two-year terms with no members serving more than four consecutive full terms.



Analysis



- Procedural changes will allow the individual who made the initial complaint to Professional Standards to be notified of the Board's review of the complaint and will have the opportunity to attend the Board's meeting to provide information regarding the complaint
- Allow the Board to receive a discipline summary of the officer, who is the subject of the discipline being reviewed
- Would allow the Board to issue a written report regarding its review



Legal Considerations



- The ordinance amendments have been drafted by the Law Department and approved as to form



Recommendation



- Declare an emergency and adopt the ordinance on first reading and authorize the necessary signatures





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