

BILL #9039

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4, BY ADDING ONE NEW ARTICLE CREATING A POLICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BOARD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Code, Chapter 4, is hereby amended by adding one new Article to read as follows:

Article XX Police-Community Engagement Board

Section 4.1200 Police-Community Engagement Board created.

- a. The Police-Community Engagement Board shall consist of seven (7) members.
- b. The Board's purpose is to strengthen and build upon the positive relationships between the City's Police Department and the Webster Groves community through collaboration, partnerships, and outreach and carrying out the duties assigned to the Board by this Article.

Section 4.1205 Membership

- a. Qualifications. The members shall meet the following qualifications:
 1. Not less than five of the members shall be residents of the City of Webster Groves, and either a residential property owner, or residential renter for at least one year;
 2. At least one member shall be the owner of a business located within the City, regardless of place of residence; and
 3. One member shall represent the school district within the City, regardless of place of residence (shall be recommended by the school district); and
 4. One shall be a medical doctor (M.D. or D.O.), psychiatrist, psychologist, or other person skilled in issues that relate to community or police officer well-being and behavior; and
 5. In selecting members, the City Council shall consider the diversity of the community, possible membership from the not-for-profit institutions within the community, clergy, and civic organizations, and representation that reflects the demographics of the community including race, age, gender, and geographic representation.

6. The Chief of Police, or his designee shall serve as an ex-officio member. The ex-officio member may participate in the Police-Community Engagement Board meetings and deliberations, but will not be a voting member; and

7. The City Council shall select a City Council liaison, who shall not be a member of the Board but shall attend all meetings of the Board. The City Council liaison shall keep the City Council apprised of matters relating to the activities of the Board.

8. In addition to the above, the Superintendent of the Webster Groves School District shall select one student to serve as a Youth Liaison. The Youth Liaison must be at least seventeen years old, reside in Webster Groves, and be a senior in high school during at least part of his or her term. The Youth Liaison shall serve for a term of one year and may not be reappointed. The Youth Liaison shall be entitled to participate in all board meetings but shall not have a vote and shall not be counted towards a quorum.

b. Appointment

Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council.

c. Terms

1. Three members of the initial Board shall be given a three (3) year term. Two members of the initial Board shall be selected for a two (2) year term. Two (2) members of the initial Board shall be selected for a one (1) year term. Thereafter members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term. All Board members shall continue to serve until their successor is appointed.

2. If any Board position shall become vacant prior to the expiration of its term for any reason, the City Council shall appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of the absent Board member's term.

3. No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

d. Compensation

The Police-Community Engagement Board Members shall receive no compensation for their services. The Board members shall have no authority to make any expenditure on behalf of the City or to obligate the City for payment of any sums of money.

Section 4.1210 Organization

a. Officers

The membership of the Police-Community Engagement Board shall select one (1) of its members to serve as Chairperson and one as Vice-chair.

Section 4.1215 Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Chairman and shall be held as the Board deems necessary but not less than quarterly. The Board shall coordinate with the City Clerk to post notice of all meetings as required by law.

Section 4.1220 Duties

The duties of the Police-Community Engagement Board shall be offering advice and making recommendations via the Chief of Police or his/her designee on issues concerning public safety and police services within the City, as follows:

- a. Suggesting methods to enhance relations between the Police Department and the citizens of Webster Groves;
- b. Providing the Chief of Police with a community perspective concerning Police Department programs and their effectiveness;
- c. Promoting public awareness of the City's police services and programs, including, but not limited to, business and residential crime prevention programs, safety training, domestic violence, and school district/police/ community programs;
- d. Serving as a liaison between the Police Department and the community; and
- e. Encouraging individuals and community groups to assist the Police Department in implementation of police programs and services.

Section 4.1225 Limitations

Notwithstanding the duties of the Police-Community Engagement Board as described within this section, the Board shall have no power or authority to investigate, review, or otherwise participate in matters involving specific police personnel or specific police-related incidents. The Board shall in no way receive or stand in review of complaints initiated against personnel of the Police Department, nor have any role in civil or criminal litigation. The Board shall have no involvement in the personnel decisions of the Police Department.

Section 4.1230 Sunset

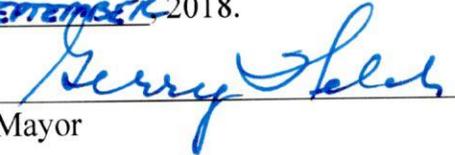
The Police Community-Engagement Board shall terminate, and the provisions of Sections 4.1200 to 4.1225 shall have no further effect, after October 1, 2021, unless reauthorized by the Council prior to that date.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be printed in the Code of Webster Groves.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

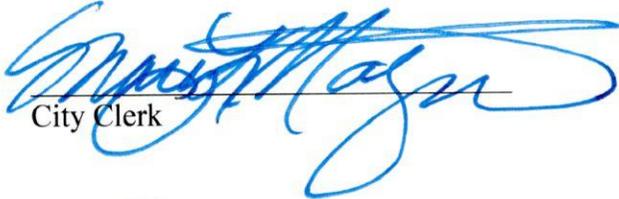
Section 4. Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance, the Code of Webster Groves, 2018 shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September 2018.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

