

Summary of Changes included in the Second Draft of Ordinance 9324

1. Repeals existing Chapter 1, Article 25 pertaining to the Citizen Advisory Board for Fair and Impartial Policing, and establishes in its place a new board called the Community Police Review Board.
2. Clarifies that the Board serves at the pleasure of the City Commission and its duties can be suspended for cause at any time.
3. Adds a definitions section, including a definition for racial or other biased based policing.
4. Clarifies that the Board is an additional mechanism to receiving complaints against police officers, to note that it is not the only way someone may file a complaint. Also added is a provision stating that receipt of such complaints must be made in a confidential manner to protect the privacy of individuals named in the complaint, and that Board members receiving a complaint may not probe the complainant about specific accusations.
5. Allows a complainant 14 days to appeal the police department's decision on an internal investigation to the Board.
6. Changes language to clarify that the Board's review of an appeal and recommendation is merely a recommendation and that the City Manager may consider it.
7. Changes language under "Membership" to say that it is the City Commission – not the Mayor alone – who appoints members to the Board. The Mayor may, however, make the recommendation.
8. Adds a new section on "Qualifications of Board Members" to include a list of disqualifying factors. For example, a person may not serve on the Board if they are a current police officer or have pending criminal charges against them.
9. "Terms" for Board members is amended to state that it is the Commission who re-appoints someone, and that the City Commission has the power to remove a member for just cause.
10. Adds a new section prohibiting breach of privacy, to cover a Board member who discloses confidential information about an officer or other person learned within their capacity as a Board member.
11. Clarifies that the Board is subject to KOMA and all of its provisions.
12. Adds a provision on public comment to allow it, but clarifying that comments including complaints about individual officers are prohibited and must be submitted in a confidential manner.
13. Adds language clarifying what constitutes a quorum.