

ORDINANCE NUMBER: _____

AMENDING CHAPTER 16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CHARLOTTE CITY CODE
ENTITLED “POLICE”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Section 16-56 of the Charlotte City Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 16-56. - Creation; composition; terms; compensation; appointments; vacancies; quorum; removal.

- (a) There is hereby established a citizens review board to be composed of 11 members: five members to be appointed by the city council, three members to be appointed by the mayor and three to be appointed by the city manager. The appointing authorities ~~shall ensure that the members of the board are~~ shall strive to appoint a board that represents representative the diversity of the community.
- (a1) Candidates for the board may be interviewed by a panel comprised of a representative from the Community Relations Committee, the citizens review board, and the City Manager’s Office to assess core characteristics necessary to serve on the board. Such panels shall provide their assessments to the relevant appointing authority.
- (b) Members must be continually domiciled within the county and must be registered to vote within the county. Current and former City employees, and the spouse, parents, and children of a current or former CMPD officer, shall not be eligible to serve on the board.
- (c) Board members shall attend and successfully complete the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Citizens' Academy and receive training on relevant legal, policy and cultural awareness issues as required by the city manager. This training must be completed prior to any board appointee serving as a member of the board. In addition, each members of the board shall participate in at least eight hours of training each calendar year, which training may include a four hour “ride-along” with a CMPD officer.
- (d) Individuals with a felony conviction or a Class A1 misdemeanor conviction shall not be eligible to serve on the board. In addition, individuals with a Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanor conviction within three years of their nomination for appointment shall be ineligible to serve. Further, conviction of or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, a Class A1 misdemeanor, a Class 1 misdemeanor, or a Class 2 misdemeanor during the term of office shall automatically terminate membership on the board, irrespective of any appeals. Board members charged with a felony, a Class A1 misdemeanor, a Class 1 misdemeanor, or a Class 2 misdemeanor during a term of office shall be automatically suspended until

disposition of the charge, and a quorum shall be established from the remaining membership.

- (e) Prior to serving, each board member must sign a confidentiality agreement that is satisfactory to the city and which shall require that members maintain as confidential any information classified as confidential by state law or otherwise classified as confidential by the city.
- (f) The members shall serve staggered terms of office for three years, with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.
- (g) The board shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership.
- (h) When a vacancy occurs, the original appointing authority shall appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term of the vacant position.
- (i) Six members shall constitute a quorum in order to hold business meetings and hearings. Members are required to attend all business meetings and hearings in accordance with the attendance policies promulgated by the city council. Vacancies resulting from a member's failure to attend the required number of meetings shall be filled as provided in this section.
- (j) All members shall serve without compensation.
- (k) Members of the board shall be subject to removal from office by a two-thirds vote of the city council.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Approved as to form

City Attorney