

Legislation Text

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Amend Chapter 16, Article II, Division 2 - Citizens Review Board

Action:

Approve an amendment to the Citizens Review Board Ordinance.

Committee Chair:

Larken Egleston, Safe Communities

Staff Resource(s):

Marcus Jones, City Manager's Office

Patrick Baker, City Attorney's Office

Current Ordinance

- The Citizens Review Board (Board) is established as an advisory board to the chief of police, the city manager, and the city council.
- The Board hears appeals by the citizens who filed complaints of disciplinary dispositions imposed by the chief of police or his designee relating to allegations of misconduct against a sworn police officer.
- The Board may hear appeals of complaints regarding alleged violations of the following rules: use of force; unbecoming conduct; arrest, search, and seizure; and arbitrary profiling.
- In addition, the disposition of the review of any discharge of a firearm by an officer which results in the death or injury of a person may be appealed to this board.

Proposed Changes

- Update the ordinance to establish that the Board has the authority to hear complaints regarding alleged violations of Neglect of Duties which includes the Duty to Intervene.
- Make technical additions and corrections of department references and sections to the correct names and references.

Committee Discussion

- The Safe Communities Committee (Committee) held discussions on the roles of the Citizens Review Board on August 4, 2020, and August 18, 2020. The Committee reviewed issues, solicited feedback from the Community Input Group, and discussed revision options. The Committee's recommendation was given to full Council within the written Committee report outs for the month of September, and is also included in the SAFE Charlotte initiatives.

Attachment(s)

Citizens Review Board Proposed Revisions