



ORDINANCE NO. 28324

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee; amending
2 Section 1.06.075 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Police
3 Department Citizen-Initiated Complaint Oversight, to reinstate staggered
4 terms of one, two, or three years, and establish a term limit of ten years for
5 the Citizen Police Advisory Committee.

6 WHEREAS, on August 4, 2015, pursuant to Ordinance No. 28310, the City
7 Council approved amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) 1.06.075,
8 relating to Police Department Citizen-Initiated Complaint Oversight, which
9 amendments included removing staggered terms and limiting members of the
10 Citizen Police Advisory Committee to two consecutive three-year terms, and

11 WHEREAS, at its September 24, 2015, the PSHSE Committee
12 recommended that TMC 1.06.075 be amended to (1) reinstate staggered terms
13 of one, two, or three years for the Citizen Police Advisory Committee; and
14 (2) establish a term limit of ten years for Committee members, and has forwarded
15 the proposed amendments to the City Council for its consideration; Now,
16 Therefore,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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That Section 1.06.075 of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended
as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

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1.06.075 Police Department Citizen-Initiated Complaint Oversight.

A. Citizen-Initiated Conduct Complaint System. The City Manager shall appoint a City employee who does not work for the Tacoma Police Department, and who reports directly to the City Manager, to perform the following functions:

1. Receive and forward citizen-initiated conduct complaints to the Police Department;
2. Ensure complainants are notified that their complaint has been received and forwarded and that they are informed of all findings;
3. Produce statistical reports;
4. Serve as a liaison to the Citizen Police Advisory Committee;
5. Other duties related to implementation of this section, as may be assigned by the City Manager.

Citizen Police Advisory Committee

B. Creation of the Committee.

1. There is created a Citizen Police Advisory Committee ("Committee"), consisting of 11 members, one member from each City Council District and five members from the general community; and one designated youth seat, with a minimum of 40 percent of the members from traditionally underrepresented communities or groups that reflect and represent the diverse communities in the City of Tacoma. Members must be residents of Tacoma. Commissioned law enforcement professionals and their family members are eligible to serve, provided that no current member of the Tacoma Police Department or his or her immediate family may serve. However, the Committee will consist of no more than three members that are commissioned law enforcement professionals or retired commissioned law enforcement professionals.

2. Members shall be appointed by the City Council. Members shall serve ~~for staggered one-, two-, or three-~~ year terms. No member shall serve more than ~~ten years~~~~two consecutive three-year terms~~. The youth seat designation shall be for a one-year term.

C. Duties of the Committee.

The Committee shall perform the following duties:

1. Foster understanding and communication between the citizens of Tacoma and the Tacoma Police Department and review and advise the Chief of Police on community relations between the Police Department and the community.
2. Hold regular public meetings to promote awareness of the citizen complaint process, solicit input from the community, and convene community conversations regarding police services, programs, and issues of public safety to encourage and develop an active citizen-police partnership with an emphasis on improving relations between the Police Department and citizens in Tacoma. The Committee shall forward citizen complaints to the citizen-initiated conduct complaint system.
3. Work to strengthen and ensure the application of equal protection under the law throughout the community.
4. Review the investigative process and results of completed administrative investigations of complaints, such as alleged excessive use of force or police brutality, for discussion purposes with regard to what processes may be considered in preventing the occurrences of future activities.
5. Generate community interest and involvement, and promote 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 intervention, community-oriented policing, and other areas of community relations.



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6. Review, develop, and recommend strategies to the City Council, City Manager, and Chief of Police concerning Police Department policies, procedures, rules, training, and programs. Examples of potential areas that may be reviewed or studied include such areas as police misconduct investigation procedures, in-service training in human relations, Citywide crime prevention efforts, citizen participation and education on rights and responsibilities and community-oriented policing. The specific study or review areas set forth above are to be considered as examples of the areas to be studied and reviewed and are not intended to be limitations.

7. Notwithstanding the duties of the Committee as described above, the Committee shall have no power or authority to investigate, review, or otherwise participate in matters involving specific police personnel or specific police-related incidents. Should any concern raised by the Committee remain unresolved after receiving a response from the Chief of Police, the Committee may request the matter be referred to the City Manager.

D. The Committee may adopt by-laws and processes for its internal organization.

E. The City Manager's Office will appoint staff to support the Committee.