

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 10 THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, amend Division 10 to Chapter 2, Article VI of the Police Community Relations Commission of the City of Rock Island Code of ordinances which shall read as follows:

DIVISION 10. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-271. Generally:

- (a) *Created:* There is hereby created the Rock Island Police Community Relations Commission, referred to in this division as the "Commission," which shall consist of seven (7) members who are residents of the city. Community leaders will have the opportunity to recommend members to the Mayor, who shall make appointments to the Commission and submit them to the City Council for approval. The membership of the commission shall be broadly representative of the community, including representative of diverse racial, cultural, sexual orientation, and gender groups, and shall include: (1) one current or former member of law enforcement, (2) one returning resident or convicted felon, (3) and five members at large. The Commission shall endeavor to recruit members reflective of the demographics of the City. Appropriate Commission members will demonstrate integrity, open-mindedness, problem-solving abilities, and a commitment to the main purposes of the Commission.
- (b) *Purpose:* The primary purposes of the Commission are to: (1) build a trusting relationship between law enforcement and communities that have historically lacked trust with law enforcement, (2) promote policies and procedures that support just and equitable treatment for all residents regardless of race, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, disability status, and/or unfavorable discharge from military service, and (3) safeguard the rights of all residents as defined by the Constitution of the United States and state and local laws.
- (c) *Objectives:* The objectives of the Commission shall be:
- (1) To receive, review, explore, and gather data through statutory processes on complaints filed by residents against the Rock Island Police Department. The Commission does not review or otherwise engage with current, pending complaints. Once the Commission's review is complete, the data and recommendations will be presented to the Rock Island Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Police Chief, and Rock Island residents. A mechanism to receive complaints will be established by the Commission.
 - (2) To review the data gathered through statutory processes in all Rock Island Police cases where officer(s) is/are subjected to review from the Rock Island County Integrity Task Force. The Commission's primary responsibility will be to review the incidents and provide feedback on the officers' and residents' actions and provide

suggested input on future interactions to prevent future negative outcomes. Once the Commission's review is complete, the Commission will present their completed review to the Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office, Rock Island Mayor, City Council, Rock Island Police Chief and Rock Island residents. The Commission will not include case sensitive information to the public that is not already a matter of public record.

- (3) To recommend and implement programs with the Chief of Police that address the diversity of the community and police department.
 - (4) To develop procedures to anticipate, prepare for and help ease community discomfort that may arise from police and community tensions.
 - (5) To work for greater resident participation in the planning and execution of public policy in all phases of policing within Rock Island
 - (6) To host quarterly community meet-and-greets with Rock Island law enforcement and the community as a whole, preferably at different community venues/places.
 - (7) To periodically host a community-wide meet-and-greet for all newly hired Rock Island police officers.
 - (8) To review data gathered through statutory processes regarding hiring and promotion patterns and decisions and provide recommendations on strategies to attract, recruit, inspire, and prepare the next generation of police officers in Rock Island with a focus on retaining existing resident talent.
- (d) *Appointments:* The members of the Commission shall self-nominate or be nominated by community leaders before being appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the city council.
- (e) *Term:* Members shall be appointed to three (3) year terms

(f) *Meetings:* The Commission shall meet monthly at city hall or other venues as decided by the chairperson and with increased frequency as decided by the chairperson or majority of the members. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum which shall be required before any business may be conducted. Commission members shall elect a chair and vice chair who shall serve for a term of one year. (g) The chair of the Commission, in coordination with the Chief of Police, shall develop written standards for orientation, training, and continuing education for the commission members. All commission members must complete the initial training before participating in any data review.

Sec. 2-272. Duties and Powers:

- (a) *Generally:* The commission shall advise and consult with the Mayor, city manager and city council on all matters involving police community relations.
- (b) *Report:* The Commission shall render an annual report to the Mayor, city council and

