



Department Source: Law
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2020
Re: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 21

Executive Summary

The Citizens Police Review Board respectfully requests that the City Council amend Chapter 21 to increase the number of days to file an appeal or to request limited review from twenty-one to thirty days.

Discussion

On July 8, 2020, and again on August 12, 2020, the Citizens Police Review Board discussed providing more access to civilian oversight by increasing the deadlines for requesting review or appeal to thirty days. The deadlines are currently set at twenty-one days. The board unanimously passed motions to send these recommendations to Council.

In Article III of Chapter 21, there are three sections that provide time limits for filing appeals.

Section 21-51 provides that appeals to the board must be filed “within twenty-one (21) days after the notice of the chief’s decision was given.”

Section 21-51.1 states that “[r]equests for limited review pursuant to this section shall be filed with the city clerk within twenty-one (21) days after the person is given notice of the determination by the police chief.”

Section 21-53 sets forth the requirements for complainants, officers, and community service aides to file appeals to the City Manager or to the Personnel Advisory Board. The time limits in this section are currently set at twenty-one days after notice of the right to appeal has been given.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None
Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Operational Excellence



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
08/12/2020	Citizens Police Review Board passed a motion to send a report to Council to request that all twenty-one day deadlines in Chapter 21 be changed to thirty day deadlines.
07/08/2020	Citizens Police Review Board passed a motion to send a report to Council to request that Council amend both Section 21-51 and 21-51.1 for the time of complaint to be extended to 30 days, plus or minus three days for date of mailing.

Suggested Council Action

Should Council desire to increase the number of days from twenty-one to thirty days, Council should direct staff to prepare the legislation.