

Introduced by Buffaloe

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Ordinance No. 025453

Council Bill No. B 213-23

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Chapter 21 of the City Code relating to the rule of construction pertaining to mailed notice to complainants alleging police officer misconduct; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 21-45. Definitions and rule of construction.

The following definitions and rules of construction apply to this article:

*Board*, when not otherwise specified, means the citizens police review board.

*Complainant* means a person who files a complaint with the police department or with the city clerk against a police officer.

*Complaint* means a written statement alleging misconduct of a police officer involving interaction with the public.

*Misconduct* means any violation of federal law, state law, city ordinance, city regulation or police department policy, guideline, directive, rule, regulation or order in effect at the time of the incident.

*Notice shall be considered given when it is hand delivered or ~~three-five~~ (3-5) business days after it is mailed.*

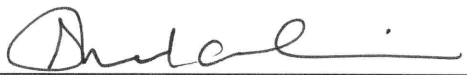
*Police officer and officer* means a commissioned law enforcement officer, other than the chief of police, who has the power of arrest and who serves in the Columbia Police Department.

*Written statement* means a narrative, reduced to writing, outlining an allegation of misconduct that includes the personal identifying information of the individual filing the complaint. Such writings include, but are not limited to, letters, emails, complaint forms, digital submissions, internal memorandums or oral statement that has been reduced to writing by an individual who has received the information from the complainant or the complainant's representative.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.


PASSED this 18th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Counselor