



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Citizens Police Review Board

March 18, 2024

Mayor Buffalo and City Council
City of Columbia
701 East Broadway
Columbia, MO 65201

Dear Mayor Buffalo and Councilmembers:

On March 13, 2024, the Citizens Police Review Board discussed needed changes to City Code Section 21-52.

As the Code is currently written, the police chief only has five business days to reconsider the police chief's preliminary determination and either reaffirm or modify it. Under the current code, if the police chief does not take action within the five business days after the board's findings and recommendation, the preliminary determination and preliminary recommendation for discipline is automatically reaffirmed. The Code does not provide the police chief with an opportunity to extend the time period if there is good cause.

The Board unanimously agreed to recommend that the City Council consider amending Section 21-52 to provide an opportunity for the police chief to extend the time for good cause with written notice to the board, the complainant, the police officer and the city manager. The written notice should include the date by which the police chief shall either reaffirm or modify the police chief's preliminary determination. Any good cause extension must still comply with the requirements set forth in City Code Section 19-252 and the police officer's bill of rights in Section 590.502 RSMo.

I have enclosed the Board's proposed changes to Section 21-52 for your consideration. We appreciate your consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Doug Hunt
Chair

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