

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02-007R**

**A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING TACTICAL DE-ESCALATION IN THE USE OF FORCE POLICY AND POLICE TRANSPARENCY IN URBANA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City's home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Urbana Police Department to enhance the quality of life in the City by working cooperatively with the community and within the framework of the Constitution to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, reduce the fear of crime, and provide a safe environment for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Urbana Police Officers have the limited authority under the Constitution and Federal and State law to use reasonable force when necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the Ten Shared Principles for Building Trust on June 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urbana Police Department hosted a workshop on the Ten Shared Principles on September 17, 2020, at which they adopted and signed the Principles; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2018 report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (*Police Use of Force: An Examination of Modern Policing Practices*) found that when police officers use alternative tactics to de-escalate tensions (including warnings, verbal persuasion, or other non-lethal methods), these approaches result in fewer shootings while ensuring community safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of public safety to be transparent and accurate about the frequency and type of force used by Urbana police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of community input in furthering police accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, Urbana residents want their police officers to prioritize de-escalation techniques when interacting with the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that City policies, including those of the Police Department are living documents that warrant changes from time-to-time, both in response to changing Federal and State laws and in response to changing social practices and sensibilities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.**

The Urbana Police Department shall prioritize de-escalation in the Use of Force Policy whenever feasible and in keeping with the Ten Shared Principles. Additionally, Urbana police officers will regularly practice, encourage, and train in tactical de-escalation techniques for the safety and protection of both citizens and officers.

**Section 2.**

The Urbana Police Department shall include at least one Urbana civilian resident on the Use of Force Review Board and provide appropriate training to such appointee(s).

**Section 3.**

The Urbana Police Department shall submit an annual report to the City Council which will include the use of force by its officers. At a minimum the annual report shall include in aggregated form: the number of use of force incidents, the findings of the Use of Force Review Board, and whether any disciplinary or training actions were taken as a result of the Board's review. Further, the data should be disaggregated by type of force used, as well as by the race, gender and age of the individuals involved. In addition, a quarterly report will be provided to city council with aggregated results of data that is sent to the state of Illinois. This report will be publicly available.

**Section 4.**

For purposes of education, self-reflection and possible amendment, the Urbana Police Department shall review the Use of Force policy in collaboration with members of the public, its officers, City staff, and the City Council at least every five years. City Council may request this policy be updated earlier than five years based on community concerns.

**Section 5.**

Prior to the adoption of any changes to the Use of Force Policy, the Police Chief or their designee shall present the changes to the City Council.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

AYES: Brown, Colbrook, Hursey, Miller, Roberts, Sacks, Wu

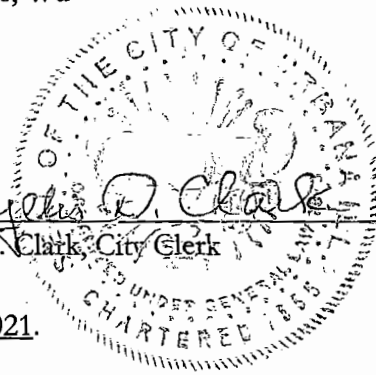
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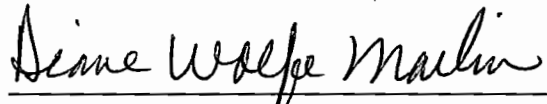


*Phyllis D. Clark*

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



*Diane Wolfe Marlin*

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor