

Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 120977 – Chief of Police Investigations

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Technical Changes and OIG Quarterly Reporting Requirements

Effect: This amendment would make the following changes to Council Bill 120977:

- Clarify the description of the Community Police Commission in the recitals;
- Clarify the three-part structure of the requirement for intakes and investigations to be timely, thorough, and objective; and
- Require OIG to provide quarterly reports on complaints naming the Chief of Police to the Executive Director of the Community Police Commission (in addition to the Mayor, the President of the Council, and the Chair of the Council’s public safety committee).

Clarifying the description of the Community Police Commission and the requirements for intakes and investigations would be technical changes that would not modify existing or proposed requirements.

Requiring OIG to provide quarterly reports to the Executive Director of the Community Police Commission would expand notice of these reports.

Amend the recitals of CB 120977 as follows:

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WHEREAS, the Accountability Ordinance strengthened elements of the City’s existing system, clarifying and establishing the roles of the Office of Police Accountability (OPA) as an independent, civilian-led investigative office organizationally within SPD, the Office of Inspector General for Public Safety (OIG) as an independent office separate from the Executive, and the Community Police Commission (CPC) as an independent office and a strong community-based oversight commission; and

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WHEREAS, the CPC engages the community to develop recommendations on the police accountability system and works to ensure that the police accountability system is

responsive to community concerns, including but not limited to reviewing closed OPA investigations to identify opportunities for systemic improvements; and

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Amend Section 3 of CB 120977 as follows:

3.29.520 OIG review of OPA intake, classification, and investigation scoping

A. OIG shall conduct a review of OPA's intake ~~((investigation))~~ and classification to ensure that (1) the intake ~~((investigation))~~ was timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective, and (2) OIG concurs with the classification determination.

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Amend Section 5 of CB 120977 as follows:

3.29.560 OIG review and notification of the intake ~~((investigation))~~, classification, and investigation; and intake and investigation standards

A. Each intake and investigation shall be: (1) timely, (2) thorough, and (3) objective. OIG shall determine that an intake or investigation is not timely, thorough, and objective if it fails to meet one or more of these three standards.

B. After conducting the review required by Section 3.29.520, OIG shall ~~((immediately))~~ promptly notify the entities listed in subsection 3.29.530.B.1 if it: (1) is unable to determine whether the OPA intake was timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective or if it determines that the OPA intake was not timely, thorough, and objective; or (2) disagrees with the OPA

Director's classification decision.

~~((B.))~~ C. OIG shall conduct a review of any completed investigation, consistent with the requirements of Section 3.29.260, to determine whether the investigation was timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective.

~~((C))~~ D. To determine whether any intake or completed investigation was timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective, OIG shall retain the authority to access any intake and investigative materials that will support making the determination.

~~((D))~~ E. OIG shall ~~((immediately))~~ promptly notify the entities listed in subsection 3.29.530.B.1 if it is unable to determine whether an investigation was timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective or if it determines that an investigation was not timely, thorough, and ~~((neutral))~~ objective. In such case, OIG shall choose a new non-City entity to perform a new investigation.

Amend Section 7 of CB 120977 as follows:

3.29.590 OIG reporting

A. OIG shall include information on complaints, intakes, and/or investigations naming the Chief of Police in quarterly reports to the Mayor, the President of the Council, ~~((and))~~ the Chair of the Council's public safety committee, and the Executive Director of the Community Police Commission. The reports shall include information for the prior quarter and year to date, as follows:

1. The number of complaints initiated or received by the OPA and OIG;
2. The number of complaints closed as a contact log;
3. The number of complaints with completed intakes;
4. The number of complaints remaining open;
5. The number of opened and completed investigations; and
6. The number and percentage of intakes and investigations that OIG was unable to determine were timely, thorough, and objective, or that OIG determined were not timely, thorough, and objective.

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