THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS

Department Memo

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: **Police**

FROM: **Billy Cordell, Chief of Police**

MEETING: **November 9, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on Repeal of City Ordinance Division 4 “Public Safety Communications Department” to Article III “Departments” of Chapter 2 “Administration”, comprised of Section 2-121 Department Created (Public Safety Communications Department) and 2-122 through 2-140 (Reserved). (First Reading) (*Staff Contact: Billy Cordell, Chief of Police*)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services	1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

SUMMARY:

Public Safety Communications separated from the Burleson Police Department in January 2021, to become a stand-alone department. To obtain their independent TCOLE license, City Council had to pass an ordinance establishing Public Safety Communications (PSC) as an independent department. On July 24, 2023, Burleson City Ordinance CSO#5161-07-2023 was adopted upon final reading. The City of Burleson Public Safety Communications TCOLE agency #251120 was established on January 11, 2024.

On October 7, 2024, Public Safety Communications was realigned and placed under the command of the Burleson Police Department. All active members that were under the PSC agency #251120 have been moved under the Police Department’s TCOLE agency #251203. To continue maintaining a TCOLE agency requires the City to maintain all TCOLE and Texas Administrative requirements and reporting standards for that agency even though there are no active members under that agency. The independent PSC agency no longer serves a practical function for the City or Departments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal of ordinance establishing independent Public Safety Communications Department.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

July 10, 2023 - First Reading of Ordinance

July 24, 2023 - Final Reading of Ordinance

REFERENCE:

CSO#5161-07-2023

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: None
Account Number(s): NA
Fund: NA
Account Description: NA
Procurement Method: NA

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