

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING POLICY GUIDELINES THAT ARE ADDRESSED IN THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Columbus Chief of Police and the command staff promulgate a Policy Manual which is updated from time to time and kept on the web-site which governs the behavior, duties, and disciplinary rules of all officers of the Columbus Police Department (CPD); and

WHEREAS, these policies represent the CPD's continual efforts to train its officers in maintaining the highest professional standards; and

WEHREAS, it is the intention of this Council that the policies implemented by the Columbus Police Department as set forth in the Manual shall be designed and implemented in a way which protects the dignity and civil rights of individuals during an arrest.

NOW, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

This Council supports and affirms the following policies which are addressed in the Columbus Police Department Policy Manual:

1. Police Officers who intentionally use deadly force in arrests for non-violent offenses shall be investigated by the Office of Professional Standard and disciplined as appropriate up to and including termination. Georgia POST will be notified to review any officer misconduct or excessive force.
2. The use of choke holds will be prohibited, except when an officer reasonably believes that his or her life, or the life of another, is in danger.
3. The CPD will use all state and national database or directories available to assure that it is not hiring a law enforcement officer who was previously terminated for cause in another jurisdiction or separated from their previous employer while under investigation. When applicable, investigations involving certified peace officers will include contacting all previous law enforcement agencies and Georgia Peace Officer Standards Training Council (Georgia P.O.S.T.).
4. CPD officers will be required to wear body cameras when assigned and shall activate them when they are interacting with the public in the course of their duties. Officers intentionally turning off their cameras will be subject to discipline, including termination.
5. CPD will require de-escalation and unconscious bias training for all officers.

6. Pre-hiring psychological evaluation of officer candidates as well as periodic evaluations as needed during employment will be required.

7. In accordance with CPD Policy 1-5.1, all officers will be required to intervene and report to their supervisor if they observe another officer engage in illegal behavior or use excessive force.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor House	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____.

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Clerk of Council

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