

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF EVERMAN COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that the City's government functions in a manner that best serves the needs of the community when interested citizens and area partners participate and assist in advising the Council; and

WHEREAS, recent acts of violence occurring in the City's public park spaces by persons entering the city from nearby jurisdictions has caused concern and the need to address community safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes crime and safety as quality-of-life issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to seek the input of citizens and area partners on these community safety issues including, but not necessarily limited to working across jurisdictional boundaries to foster community safety in the City's parks and other public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a Community Safety Advisory Committee should be created to serve the City Council in an advisory capacity and to perform the duties set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the City of Everman Community Safety Advisory Committee, to serve until dissolved by resolution of this Council.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Community Safety Advisory Committee shall be:

- (1) To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to community safety in the City's public parks and other public spaces;
- (2) To identify the crime and safety needs of the community with regard to the City's public parks and other public spaces;
- (3) To develop a community response to address community issues of public safety, including work across jurisdictional boundaries;

- (4) To foster relationships with community partners, within the City and across jurisdictional boundaries to implement programs and plans to address community safety issues;
- (5) To identify and develop strategies for improving community relations to and effectiveness with youth within the City and nearby jurisdictions; and
- (6) To use all available resources to inform members of the public of community safety services and resources.

SECTION 3. The Board shall consist of five (5) regular members and three (3) community partner advisor members. Community partner advisor members shall be non-voting members. Regular members of the Committee shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. Initially, three of the regular members shall be appointed to serve a one-year term and four of the regular members shall be appointed to serve a two-year term. The three community partner advisory members shall be appointed to serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all appointments shall be made for two-year terms. Members may be reappointed to successive two-year terms. Members serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed by majority vote of the City Council with or without cause. The City Council shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement to fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of a member whose position on the Committee becomes vacant.

SECTION 4. Regular Members of the Board must meet the following qualifications:

- (i) Be a qualified voter of the City;
- (ii) Shall have resided in the corporate limits of the City for at least one (1) year prior to appointment;
- (iii) Continue residency in the City during the term of office;
- (iv) Shall not be delinquent in payment of City taxes or financially delinquent to the City; and
- (v) Shall achieve compliance with all city codes prior to appointment and maintain such compliance for the duration of the appointment..

SECTION 5. The three community partner advisor members shall be non-voting members who shall serve as advisors and subject-matter resources for the Committee and shall be composed of the following:

- (i) One director, officer, employee, or other qualified representative appointed by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Tarrant County;
- (ii) One director, officer, employee, or other qualified representative appointed by the Everman Independent School District; and
- (iii) One director, officer, employee, or other qualified representative appointed by the Stallion Pointe Apartments ownership and/or management company.

SECTION 6. The following organizational rules and requirements shall apply to the Committee:

- (1) Initially at its first meeting and, thereafter on or before January 9 of each year, the membership of the Committee shall determine, by majority vote, a chair and a vice chair. The terms of the chair and vice chair shall be one (1) year. It will be the duty of the chair to preside over meetings and to assist in setting meeting agendas. If the chair is absent or unable to perform the duties of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the duties of that office.
- (2) Members of the Committee shall meet at least one (1) time per month, on a regular day and time selected by majority vote of the members. The chair may call special meetings as necessary.
- (3) The Committee shall conduct meetings and govern its proceedings according to the City Council's adopted rules of order, abide by the Texas Open Meetings Law, and shall keep a record of its proceedings, including votes and attendance, and shall submit these records to the City Secretary's Office.
- (4) Members of the Committee shall not take any action unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of four (4) regular members. Each regular member, including the chair, is entitled to one (1) vote, and action of the Committee shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of those members present.
- (5) The City Manager shall designate a City employee to serve as staff liaison to the Committee.
- (6) Members of the Committee may receive reimbursement of authorized expenses attendant to the performance of their duties.

SECTION 7. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) The Board is advisory only and shall not have any decision-making authority.

(2) The Board shall have the following duties:

- (i) To study and identify the crime and safety needs of the community with a particular focus on community safety in the City's public parks and other public spaces and to advise the City Council thereon;
- (ii) To develop a community response to address community issues in public safety, including work across jurisdictional boundaries to address crime and safety issues precipitated, influenced, or caused by individuals or factors originating outside of the City's jurisdictional limits and to make recommendations to the City Council for implementation of such responses;
- (iii) To originate, plan, and coordinate actions to foster relationships with community partners within the City and across jurisdictional boundaries for implementation of programs and plans to address community safety issues;;
- (iv) To act with and assist other municipal committees, commissions, boards, staff, or regional associations and the City Council in formulating proper plans for addressing community safety issues;
- (v) To research, identify, and develop strategies for improving community relations to and effectiveness with youth within the City and nearby jurisdictions as a component of community safety; and
- (vi) As may be necessary to accomplish these duties, the Committee may establish subcommittees. Any subcommittee shall be chaired by a Community Safety Advisory Committee regular member. An unspecified number of community volunteers may be chosen by the Committee as working subcommittee members."

SECTION 8. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same

shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. All ordinances of the City of Everman, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY RESOLVED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Everman, Texas, on the _____ day of April 2023.

CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mindi Parks, City Secretary

Ray Richardson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John D. Oliver, Asst. City Attorney
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