



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 06/12/23

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AGENDA ITEM CONTENT: Ordinance 2194, Interference with Police

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Ordinances

BUDGETED AMOUNT:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

FUND: n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Recently legal counsel prosecuted a jury trial on an Interference with Police Department charge (Sec. 20-1). The Defendant had been involved in a pedestrian accident where his car struck a bike rider. However, upon officer's arrival on the scene, Defendant repeatedly lied about his involvement in the accident. The Defendant was acquitted by the Jury and unanimously found not guilty of Interfering with the Police because the jury didn't consider his lying illegal under the ordinance as it is currently written.

Therefore, legal counsel prepared this amendment for Council consideration that solidifies what resisting an officer is. This will allow us to hold people accountable when it comes to these situations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and legal counsel recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 2194 on first reading and schedule the second reading for June 26, 2023.