



## Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council  
From: Joshua Antoine Chief of Police  
Date: March 2, 2022  
Re: Civil Unrest/ Fencing

Mayor and City Council,

Since early 2020 there have been several high-profile cases/deaths involving Law Enforcement officers not only in Minnesota but nationwide. It is no surprise to anyone that with these high-profile cases we have seen an increase in civil unrest, protests, and threats to City/ Government-owned buildings.

Although we have not seen this in our city it is important to plan for scenarios like those around the country happening in our backyard.

In late 2021 the Anoka County Chiefs of Police started talking about purchasing, as a group, fencing/ barriers that could be brought to any agency in Anoka County should the need arise to protect city/government buildings. Since our first meeting, it has become apparent that this is a much more in-depth project than we first anticipated. There is much more research that needs to be done before a final project can be brought forth to our respective cities.

I would like to discuss in the next council workshop to keep you informed on what the other chiefs and I are working on to protect our city halls and government buildings if civil unrest hits closer to home.

Sincerely,

Chief Antoine