

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: August 10, 2023

Staff Contact: Curtis W. Mansell, Chief of Police

Agenda Item: Consider Ordinance No. 1035 adopting the 2023 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities

Background:

The Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) is a document developed each year by the League of Kansas Municipalities. This organization has published the UPOC since 1980. The Code is designed to provide a comprehensive public offense ordinance for Kansas cities. The UPOC, in large part parallels the state criminal code. This ordinance allows the City of Westwood to utilize the Uniform Public Offense Code as the basis for criminal investigation and enforcement actions.

Item Description:

The Kansas League of Municipalities has published the 2023 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code. City staff recommends the City of Westwood update to from the 2022 Edition. The UPOC does not take effect in a city until the governing body has passed and published an incorporating ordinance.

Budget Impact:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

The City Council vote, approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the ordinance prepared by the City Attorney in regard to these changes.

Suggested Motion:

I move the City Council adopt Ordinance 1035 incorporating by reference the Unified Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2023 edition and repeal Ordinance 1032.