

Proposed by Mayor Ross

BILL NO. 4055

Introduced by Councilman Fowler

ORDINANCE NO. 4239

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD  
TO THE CITY AND TO THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS,  
MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, is hereby amended by adding Article II to Chapter 100 of the Code of Ordinances, which Article shall read as follows:

“ARTICLE II. PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD.

SECTION 120.110. ESTABLISHED. There is hereby established a Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") to the Police Department, which Board shall be selected, serve and have the powers and responsibilities herein set forth.

SECTION 120.120. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, TERM OF OFFICE AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1. Members. The Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board shall consist of eight members: two members from each of the City's three Districts, one Councilman, and a teenager who shall be entering his/her senior year of high school at the time of his/her appointment.

2. Appointment. The Mayor, with the consent and approval of a majority of the City Council, shall appoint all members to the Board. The members from the three Districts shall be voting members. The teenage member shall be interviewed and recommended by the Board to the Mayor for appointment. The teenage Board member and the Councilman shall be non-voting members of the Board.

3. Terms. Those members first appointed after the creation of the Board shall be appointed for the following terms: three (one from each District) for two years and three (one from each District) for one year. Subsequent appointments shall be for terms of two years. The teenage member and the Council representative shall serve one-year terms.

4. Qualifications. Members shall have been residents of the City of Blue Springs for at least one year preceding their appointment and not have been convicted of a felony crime or have pending criminal charges at the time of consideration and/or appointment.

5. Appointment and Term of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (duties generally). The Mayor, with the consent and approval of a majority of the City Council, shall appoint one of the voting members to serve as Chairperson and one of the other voting members to serve as Vice-Chairperson. These persons shall be appointed to serve one-year terms. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.

6. The Mayor may, with the consent of a majority of the City Council, remove from office any member of the Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board for misconduct or neglect of duty.

SECTION 120.130. MEETINGS. The Board shall meet monthly and at such additional times as may be set by the Chairperson. Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public unless otherwise authorized by the Board and the Sunshine Law.

SECTION 120.140. POWERS AND DUTIES (CERTAIN POWERS NOT CONFERRED). The Board shall have the authority and responsibility to do the following:

1. Advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council through the Police Chief and City Administrator regarding policies of the Police Department related to public information and public relations.

2. Advise the Mayor and City Council through the Police Chief and City Administrator and the public regarding criminal activity and crime prevention programs within the City.

3. Promote the activities of the Police Department in preventing crime, enforcing laws, advocating public safety needs and maintaining justice and public safety.

4. Assist the Police Chief in the establishment of public safety programs within the City.

5. Review and advise as to the Police Chief's proposed annual budget for the Police Department and make recommendations concerning the budget and expenditures to the Police Chief and City Administrator for consideration. The Board may also provide oversight regarding expenditures that are derived from a dedicated public safety funding source and exclusively allocated for public safety operations, programs, and services.

6. Assist the Chief of Police with short-term and long-range planning including, but not limited to, the evaluation of potential grant opportunities and other available/dedicated resources that might become available from time-to-time.

7. Review and study requested changes in the City's parking and traffic activities and policies and make recommendations as to those requested changes.

8. Review and study Animal Control ordinances.

9. Make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council through the Police Chief and City Administrator for improving services. All such recommendations shall be accompanied by a budget impact statement prepared by the City's Police Department and Finance Department.

10. The Board shall endeavor to conduct an annual public safety community forum for the purpose of promoting and advocating public safety programs, services, and initiatives.

SECTION 120.150. LIMITATION. Nothing herein contained shall confer any power or authority on any member of the Board to make arrests or to exercise in any way the authority of a member of the Police Department and/or a commissioned police officer. Nothing herein will authorize members of the Board to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the City's Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 120.160. BOARD TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN RULES AND PROCEDURES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL. The Board hereby established is empowered to promulgate rules and procedures consistent with this Article to be followed by it for the conduct of its meetings and to carry out the duties and responsibilities hereby granted to it. Before any such rules and procedures shall become effective, they shall first be approved by resolution of the City Council."

Section 2: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of Blue Springs, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Carson Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheryl Morgan, Assistant City Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> reading: May 18, 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading: May 18, 2009