

RESOLUTION NO. 21-R70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA MODIFYING THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES AND LENGTH OF TERMS OF THE **POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**; REMOVING TERM LIMITS; ADDRESSING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS; MODIFYING PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission established the Police Community Advisory Committee by Resolution 18-R32 and 18-R37; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires consistency in the appointment procedures, terms, and attendance criteria for all of its boards and committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida that certain sections of Resolution 18-R32 are revised as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution 18-R32, Section 8. Organizational Structure and Meeting Requirements is revised to read as follows:

Section 8. Organizational Structure And Meeting Requirements

1. Two members of the Police Community Advisory Committee will be appointed by consensus of the committee to serve as Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair may serve in that capacity for only 2 consecutive terms unless the limitation is waived by a consensus vote of the ~~Chief and~~ committee.

2. The Vice Chair shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair.

3. Police Community Advisory Committee meetings shall be scheduled on a monthly basis and will be held at the police department or in another police facility as designated by the ~~Police~~ Chief of Police.

4. Special meetings may be convened by the Chief of Police as needed.

5. All committee members are expected to regularly attend scheduled meetings.

6. ~~Members are allowed two (2) absences from scheduled regular meetings during one calendar year. The Chief and the committee may vote to excuse a member's absence under extenuating circumstances.~~ Absence from three consecutive regular meetings, or fifty percent (50%) of all meetings of the committee shall operate to vacate the seat of a member unless such absence is excused by the committee setting forth the fact of such excuse duly entered upon the minutes.

7. When a committee member is not able to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, he/she must notify the Chair or the Chief of Police.

8. ~~Failure to attend two consecutive meetings without contacting the Chair or the Chief with an acceptable explanation shall constitute grounds for removal from the committee using the procedures in Section 10.~~

SECTION 2. Resolution 18-R32, Section 9. Term Limits is revised to read as follows:

Section 9. ~~Terms Limits~~

1. Each member of the City Commission shall appoint one member, to serve concurrently with the appointing commissioner's term. ~~Committee members shall be appointed for a two-year term, with an option to renew the appointment, per City Commission approval, for an additional term of two years.~~

2. Appointments to fill vacancies due to death, resignation, removal, or other unexpected events shall be limited to the unexpired term of such vacancy.

~~3. No individual shall be appointed for more than two terms, excluding however, any partial term for the filling of a vacancy as referenced above. Members may continue to serve on the Committee until a replacement has been appointed.~~

~~4. After having served two consecutive terms, any appointee may reapply for reappointment to the Committee after an absence from the Committee for at least one year.~~

SECTION 3. Resolution 18-R32, Section 10. Removal of Members is revised to read as follows:

Section 10. Removal Of Members

1. Members of the Committee are expected to exhibit the highest ethical and professional standards. Any member who engages in criminal, or unethical, immoral or illicit conduct as such are defined by Florida Law shall be recommended for removal by the Chief of Police upon consensus of the Committee and shall be subject to removal by the City Commission.

2. No member of the Committee shall attribute to the Committee any unauthorized written or oral opinion concerning Committee activity or use is/her position to obtain information which has been deemed confidential by law.

3. Members of the Committee are subject to removal by majority vote of the City Commission for unauthorized disclosure of matters which are confidential by law or which if disclosed would interfere with the safety of officers and or the general public.

4. Any member may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the City Commission. ~~Members may also be removed for cause, or at the discretion of the Chief of Police or Chairman with approval of the Commission. In addition, members who, without being excused by the Chief or Chairman, fail to attend two consecutive regular meetings may be considered to have vacated their position and may be replaced.~~

SECTION 4. All other provisions of Resolution 18-R32 and 18-R37 remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon approval by the City Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 20th day of December, 2021.

Linda Hudson
Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

Approved as to Form
And Correctness:

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