City of East Lansing

East Lansing City Council

RESOLUTION

Police Community Relations Review Committee

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of East Lansing has determined to comprehensively examine the relationship between the police and the East Lansing Community; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined to appoint a Police Community Relations Review Committee to examine Police relations with the Community; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will make recommendations to the City Council designed to enhance community relations by recommending policy and procedures including, but not limited to, how to create and implement an Independent Police Oversight Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of East Lansing hereby establishes a Police Community Relations Review Committee comprised of eleven members appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the City Council as follows:

1. Two (2) members of the Michigan State University Student Body, one of whom shall also be serving on the East Lansing University Student Commission;
2. One (1) member from the City’s Human Relations Commission;
3. One (1) member affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union;
4. One (1) member affiliated with another civil rights-oriented organization such as NAACP, Black Lives Matter, etc.;
5. One (1) member with expertise in law enforcement standards who is not an active duty police officer;
6. Four (4) additional residents of the City of East Lansing;
7. The Mayor, who shall chair the Committee;
8. One (1) non-police member of the Michigan State University Administration – this shall be a non-voting member.

To the greatest extent possible, the Committee should include individuals from affected communities such as African Americans, Latinos, Muslims, and immigrants.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, To the extent the Committee membership is unable to be filled with individuals identified in numbers 1 through 5 of the above paragraphs within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, The Mayor (subject to approval of the city council) shall appoint East Lansing residents to fill those positions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, The Committee, through the City Council representative, is authorized to utilize authority set forth in Section 4.9 of the City Charter.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the mission of the Committee shall be to take testimony and review evidence relating to the relationship between the East Lansing Police Department, the Michigan State University Police Department and members of the East Lansing Community, research best practices in other cities for police oversight commissions, and report to City Council on policies and procedures
which will aid in the creation of an oversight commission and a proposed structure and operating procedure for the Independent Police Oversight Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Manager shall provide such staff support as is reasonably necessary to assist the Committee in achieving its mission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, The Committee shall present to City Council a report containing its recommendations within six months of the first meeting of the Committee. If the Committee is not prepared to present their findings within 6 months, an extension of an additional six months can be granted by City Council. After the presentation to City Council, the Committee shall disband without further action by the City Council of The City of East Lansing

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, The Committee shall conduct its business in accordance with:

1. Ordinances of the City of East Lansing applicable to the operation of its boards and commissions; and,
2. the Michigan Open Meetings act; and,
3. records shall be public records governed by the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.