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Chapter 2.95 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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2.95.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Public Safety Committee Ordinance.”

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.020 Establishment.

There is created and established a Committee of the City to be known as the “Public Safety Committee” and hereinafter called “Committee.”

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.030 Purpose and functions.

The purpose of the Public Safety Committee is to act as an advisory Committee to the City Council, and to evaluate any public safety issues within the community brought to the Committee’s attention by the City Council, City staff or residents, and to make recommendations to the City Council.

The Committee shall confine its business to general public safety issues and shall not engage in discussions or address issues that relate to the internal operations of the City, including the Police Department. Items to be discussed by the Committee include such matters as traffic and pedestrian safety, special events, the Emergency Operations Plan, and other public safety issues.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.040 Qualifications.

A. City Council Members, when recommending or nominating persons to serve on the Committee, shall seek outstanding individuals whose commitment and talents will contribute to the purposes and functions of the Committee and who reflect the ethnic, geographic and gender diversity of the City.

B. In order to be eligible to hold office on the Committee as a voting Member, a person must be a resident and registered voter of the City. If, during his or her term of office, a Member of the Committee moves his or her residence outside the City limits, or ceases to be a registered voter of the City, such Member’s office shall immediately become vacant. This provision shall not apply to any Members in office at the time of adoption of this chapter.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.050 Membership - appointment and terms.

A. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting Members and four (4) non-voting Members, as set forth below:

1. Two (2) City Council Members, as designated by the City Council;
2. Chief of Police or designee (advisory, non-voting);
3. Cosumnes CSD Fire Chief or designee (advisory, non-voting);
4. Public Works Director or designee (advisory, non-voting);
5. Parks and Recreation Senior Manager, as designated by the City Manager (advisory, non-voting);
6. Five (5) residents of the City. Each Council Member shall appoint one (1) Committee Member whose term shall run concurrently with that of the Council Member so appointing;
7. One (1) Alternate Member appointed by the City Council (non-voting unless a voting Member is absent). The Alternate Member shall serve a two (2) year term of office commencing on February 1st of odd-number years.

B. If the office of a Member of the Committee appointed by a Council Member becomes vacant, the appointing Council Member shall fill the vacancy by appointing a Committee Member whose term shall run concurrent with that of the appointing Council Member.

C. The Members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the Members of the City Council. No public hearing need be held prior to removal, however, a Member shall only be removed for good cause, as determined by the City Council.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.060 Election of officers.

At the first regular meeting of the Committee after January 1st of each year, the Members shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. In the absence or disability of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Committee shall designate a temporary Chair.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.070 Rules and regulations.

The Committee may adopt and amend, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its Members, rules and regulations for the conduct of the Committee's business consistent with this chapter. Such rules and regulations shall be submitted to the City Council and shall not become effective until approved by the City Council.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.080 Meetings.

A. The Committee shall endeavor to hold meetings every other month, or from time to time as deemed necessary by the Committee. All its meetings shall be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and shall be open to the public except as provided by law. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

B. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting Members of the Committee. No action of the Committee shall be valid without the affirmative vote of at least four (4) voting Members.

C. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, unless the particular rule or matter is otherwise provided for by City ordinance or the Committee's rules and regulations.

D. A permanent change in the date and time of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee shall be submitted to the City Council for approval.

E. The Committee shall keep a record, which shall be available for public inspection, of all of its resolutions, proceedings, and other actions.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.090 Absences.

In the event a Member has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Committee, the City Council may declare the office of such Member vacant. The Secretary to the Committee shall advise the Mayor through the City Clerk of any Member with three (3) consecutive unexcused absences. The Chair of the Committee has the discretion to determine whether absences are excused or unexcused. Absences should be excused if due to situations such as illness, religious observances, family emergencies, work conflicts, and vacations.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.100 Annual report.

A. The Committee shall submit an annual report to the City Council no later than September 1st of each year. The annual report shall provide a summary of the work or activities undertaken by the Committee during the prior year, work or activities planned for the upcoming year, and may include recommendations.

B. Attendance records of Members shall be included as part of the annual report.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.110 Compensation.

Members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)

2.95.120 Disclosure requirements.

Members of the Committee shall be required to file annual statements of economic interest pursuant to the City's conflict of interest code.

(Ord. 2011-14, Added, 09/20/2011)