

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 210

EFFECTIVE June 29, 2020

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for over nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2020, over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the recent protests are in response to the killing of George Floyd, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, It is time for all elected officials around the country to step up and put a stop to the endless cycle of senseless killings with no accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department intends to hold a training academy in the upcoming fiscal year in order to train fifty new police officers who will be tasked with protecting and serving the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the Providence Police Department evaluate their current training techniques, especially their use of force policy, so that the public can be assured that the Providence police department is well equipped through proper training, education, and established policies to protect and serve all members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council asks the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department to conduct a detailed review of all police training procedures, including the academy training curriculum, as well as the department's use of force policy, in order to provide a report to the Council outlining concrete steps that the department will take to improve the training and competency of the City's police department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the Mayor of Providence to impose a moratorium on hiring any new Police Officers, including conducting the proposed training academy, until such time as the Council has been provided an opportunity to review and approve the report called for in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Chief of the Providence Police Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

Shawn Selleck
CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

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City Clerk