

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 205

Approved June 26, 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 nearly nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, In response to the death of Mr. Floyd, there have been protests throughout the country and around the world calling for systematic changes to policing in this country; and

WHEREAS, One of the significant failures of our current system surrounds how jurisdictions discipline police officers when they are charged with using excessive force on civilians; and

WHEREAS, It is not uncommon for officers to be suspended with pay during the time they are investigated for their conduct and it is also not atypical for an officer to continue to receive pension benefits following a disciplinary action from their department; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to compensate officers who are charged with using excessive force, including providing them with significant pension benefits, causes a complete lack of trust between the public and their local police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council asks the Providence Retirement Board to review the existing rules and regulations surrounding police officer pensions and, more specifically, how the City handles pension benefits for officers disciplined for the use of excessive force.

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

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 18 2020

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor
Date: 6/26/20