

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, every law enforcement agency should have standards; and

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Sponsor:

**Council
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WHEREAS, as a general rule police departments have a policy touching upon many issues including the following:

- 1) Use of Force – stating when and how force may be used by police officers
- 2) Racial Profiling – a ban on racial profiling, and data collection measures to ensure it is not happening
- 3) Citizen Complaint Procedure – how can members of the community file a complaint regarding an officer or an incident involving the law enforcement agency
- 4) Drawing and Displaying Firearms – stating when and how firearms can be used and displayed by officers
- 5) Vehicular Pursuits – stating when and how to engage in vehicular pursuits
- 6) Dealing with Fleeing Felons – stating how to engage with felons who are fleeing
- 7) Foot Pursuits – stating when and how officers may engage in foot pursuits
- 8) Internal Review – stating the procedures of the agencies internal review mechanisms
- 9) Shooting at/from a Motor Vehicle – stating when and how officers may shoot from a motor vehicle
- 10) Use of Impact, Edged, and Other Similar Weapons – stating when and how these weapons may be used
- 11) Crisis Intervention Training and Response – stating when and how officers handle crisis situations (e.g. involving the mentally disturbed, hostage situations, etc.)
- 12) Investigation Procedures – detailing procedures for investigating incidents
- 13) Canine Use – stating when and how police canine should/may be used
- 14) Evidence Preservation and Presentation – detailing how evidence is preserved and presented to investigators (internal and external)

15) Use of Tasers – stating when and how Taser devices may be used

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department has standards and policies on a wide range of subjects; and

WHEREAS, many standards and policies of the Wilmington Police Department are not known to members of Wilmington City Council because the Wilmington Police Department Manual is not routinely distributed to members of Wilmington City Council; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council access to the Wilmington Police Department Manual assists with ensuring greater levels of accountability, transparency, and openness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Wilmington City Council is interested in having the ability to read and review the contents of the Wilmington Police Department Manual that includes important standards and policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wilmington City Council requests that a copy of the Wilmington Police Department Manual be distributed to each member of Wilmington City Council and that members of Wilmington City Council are placed on the distribution list to receive updates as the Wilmington Police Department Manual is amended.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Approved as to form this _____
day of June, 2017.

Assistant City Solicitor