

RES 17-052

Wilmington, Delaware
July 13, 2017

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Walsh

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council (“Council”) enacted Section 2-232 of the Wilmington City Code (“City Code”) establishing procedures for the Chief of the Wilmington Police Department (“Police Department”) to call for the commencement of an academy class if the manpower of the Police Department falls below ninety-five (95) percent of the number of police officers which is set forth in the position allocation list attached to the annual operating budget ordinance for the applicable fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2017, the Council approved the annual operating budget ordinance for fiscal year 2018 (the “Budget Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Police Department has represented that in Fall 2017, it is anticipated, based upon the historical attrition rates for the Police Department and the number of officers currently on extended leave who are not expected to be able to return to active duty, that the manpower of the Police Department will fall below ninety-five percent of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Budget Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the process of beginning recruitment and commencing an academy takes approximately five months to complete (the “Recruitment Process”); and

WHEREAS, Council will begin its summer recess on July 14, 2017 and Council’s next public safety committee meeting is not scheduled to occur until September 11, 2017, which would be too late to commence the Recruitment Process to address the anticipated Fall 2017 manpower shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department does not intend to hire officers in excess of the authorized strength set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Budget Ordinance, but wants to be prepared to address the anticipated Fall 2017 manpower shortfall; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 2-232(b), the Chief of the Police Department has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class and presented it to Council for its review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council hereby recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that in Fall 2017, it is anticipated that the manpower of the Police Department will fall below ninety-five percent of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Budget Ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department.

Passed by Council
July 13, 2017

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo

City Clerk

Approved as to form this 12
day of July, 2017

Jan Dixon
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: In this Resolution, the City Council recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that in Fall 2017, it is anticipated that the manpower of the Police Department will fall below ninety-five percent of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the fiscal year 2018 annual operating budget ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department.