

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Darby**

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council, by Resolution No. 20-080, established the City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with special consideration for African Americans who are descendants of persons enslaved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2022 (via Resolution No. 22-078) and January 12, 2023 (via Resolution No. 23-006), City Council appointed members to the Reparations Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-025, formally accepting the Final Report of the Reparations Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report documented historical and ongoing harms to African Americans and identified four major areas of inequity: Education, Housing and Economics, Health and Environment, and Legal and Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report included recommendations requiring legislative action, executive coordination, budgetary commitment, and sustained oversight by City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that the acceptance of the Final Report creates an obligation to move from study to implementation, accountability, and repair; and

WHEREAS, City Council has the authority to establish standing or special committees or subcommittees to carry out its legislative, oversight, and policy responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that a Permanent Reparations Implementation & Oversight Committee shall be established and serve as a subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of City Council shall appoint five (5) City Council members to this Subcommittee via Resolution. The President shall designate one member to serve as Chair of the Subcommittee. Membership shall reflect a demonstrated commitment to racial justice, equity, and community accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subcommittee shall meet monthly during the months that Council Committee meetings occur, with additional meetings as it deems necessary to properly perform its duties. All meetings must adhere to FOIA guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subcommittee shall do the following:

- Request reports, data, and testimony from City departments, boards, and commissions;
- Conduct public hearing and community listening sessions;
- Review and make recommendations on proposed budgets, contracts, and policies related to reparations and racial equity;
- Propose legislation to enact recommendations listed in the Final Report and further the theme of racial equity; and
- Issue written findings and policy recommendations to the full City Council; and
- Track progress and barriers related to reparations implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Subcommittee shall hold its first meeting within 60 days of this Resolution's passing. The Subcommittee shall issue to City Council a quarterly report detailing: actions taken; progress of implementing the goals displayed in the Final Report; outstanding barriers; and legislative or budgetary recommendations. The Subcommittee shall issue an annual public report to City Council.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution establishes a Reparations Subcommittee to serve as a subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Committee.

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