

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 15, 2018

Item Number: **016**

Management Services

Approve an ordinance amending the City Code to add a new Chapter 2-15 to create the Office of Police Oversight.

Lead Department	Management Services
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact
Prior Council Action	Council Resolution No. 20180322-047 directed the City Manager to evaluate current police oversight practices nationwide and make recommendations to improve the effectiveness, transparency, and efficiency of civilian oversight for the Austin Police Department.
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Additional Backup Information:

Following Council approval of Resolution No. 20180322-047, the City Manager initiated a research and community engagement process led by the Police Monitor to identify best practices and develop recommendations to improve the current police oversight structure for the Austin Police Department. That process involved consultation with various stakeholders, including the Austin Police Department, law enforcement accountability offices in other cities, interested local community organizations and leaders, and various City Boards and

Commissions.

The proposed ordinance is a result of the City Manager's process. The ordinance establishes the Office of Police Oversight as an administrative Department of the City, and provides an organizational structure and scope for its operations.