

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, in September 2001 Mayor Chuck McLaran appointed a Fire Task Force to address 2001 City Council goals related to Quality Public Services; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2002, the Fire Task Force made recommendations to the City Council, one of which was to appoint a Public Safety Commission to represent both Fire and Police to recommend dedicated funding options for public safety and a minimum level to be maintained each year; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2003, the City Council agreed to create a Public Safety Commission, appoint members, and direct the Commission to craft bylaws; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2003, the City Council accepted nominations to the Public Safety Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the creation of the Public Safety Commission as follows:

City of Albany Public Safety Commission Bylaws

**I. Appointment**

There is hereby created a Public Safety Commission which shall consist of eight members, appointed at large from within the City by Council members; one member appointed by each Councilor and the Mayor. The City Council may appoint one member from outside the City as a representative of the Rural Fire Districts that contract with the City for fire protection. All appointments to the Public Safety Commission shall be ratified by the City Council.

**II. Terms**

Appointments to the Public Safety Commission shall be for terms of four years starting January 1, 2004. All members of the Commission appointed under this policy shall continue in office until their terms of office expire. The first appointments to the Commission shall be made so that two members' terms expire each year. It is the intent that no more than two members' terms shall expire in any one year.

**III. Vacancy-Removal**

Any member may be removed by a majority vote of the total membership of the City Council. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the City Council, and shall be for the un-expired portion of the term of the office vacated.

**IV. Officers**

The Public Safety Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from the members of the Commission. Terms shall be for one year starting January 1, 2004.

**V. Meetings and Quorum**

The Public Safety Commission shall hold regular meetings at least once a month, or, at the discretion of the Commission, such other meetings as may be necessary or expedient. A majority

of the Public Safety Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Commission.

**VI. Duties of the Commission**

The Commission shall be advisory to the City Council in all matters pertaining to funding, operation, maintenance, facilities, and other activities of the Albany Fire and Police Departments to help maintain and deliver the highest quality and standards of public service.

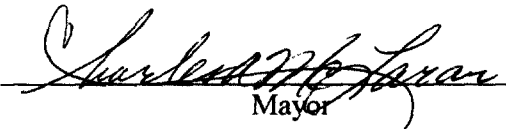
1. General Functions:

- a. Evaluate public safety service in relation to the stated City goals and objectives.
- b. Communicate the importance and need of public safety services to the general public.
- c. Solicit public input about public safety issues related to the above-listed duties.
- c. Assist the Departments in providing stability and continuity in public safety operations.
- d. Conduct studies requested by the City Council in order to make recommendations.

2. Specific Responsibilities:

- a. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City Manager, and the Fire and Police Directors.
- b. Inform the City Council of the status and progress of public safety services and issues.
- c. Assist in the development of sound fiscal policies to achieve public safety goals.
- d. Recommend public safety service policies for approval by the City Council.
- e. Recommend an adequate system of public safety facilities.
- f. Recommend adequate staffing levels for public safety operations.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2004.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk