AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE DRAFTING, ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ITS GENERAL ORDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield is a home rule unit as defined in Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield City Council wishes to adopt reforms applicable to the City of Springfield Police Department; and

WHEREAS, these reforms shall be used as guidance by the Springfield Police Department in drafting, adopting, implementing, and enforcing its general orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Springfield, Illinois, hereby adopts the reform measures listed below and shall be considered and used as guidance by the Police Department in drafting, adopting, implementing and enforcing its General Orders.

Section 2: Springfield Police Department Reform Measures

- The Department shall ban the use of neck restraints, chokeholds, or carotid holds on suspects unless during a deadly force encounter. Neck restraints, chokeholds and carotid holds should be prohibited for detention purposes.

- The Department shall ban the use of tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets and stun grenades to disperse any assembled group of individuals unless necessary to protect persons, property, or effect an arrest or used in conjunction with an emergency order issued by the Mayor in accordance with City code.

- The Department shall incorporate training pertaining to crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques into its minimum training standards. The Department shall refresh such training on an annual and as needed basis.

- The Springfield Police Department shall only request “No-Knock” warrants under limited circumstances.

- The Springfield Police Department shall hold that the permissible use of less lethal force be when reasonably necessary under the totality of the circumstances as provided by law. Further, the Springfield Police Department shall hold that the permissible use of lethal force be only when reasonably necessary to prevent death or serious bodily injury as provided by law.
• The Springfield Police Department shall hold that Officers only use lethal force as a last resort after de-escalation techniques and physical restraints have been attempted and have failed. However, in the event an Officer is confronted with a deadly force encounter, the Officer may use all levels force permissible under law.

• All citizen complaints of excessive use of force, including less lethal and lethal force, shall be forwarded to the Police Citizen Review Commission for review and, where mandated by law, be investigated by an outside agency.

• All citizen complaints of Officer misconduct shall be forwarded to the Police Citizen Review Commission for review.

• The City of Springfield and Springfield Police Department shall develop and maintain a database to include all police discipline and misconduct cases.

Section 3: That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and recording by the City Clerk.

PASSED: ______________________, 2020

RECORDED: ______________________, 2020

SIGNED: ______________________, 2020

Mayor James O. Langfelder

ATTEST: ______________________

City Clerk Frank J. Lesko

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Requested by: Alderwoman Turner

Office of Corporation Counsel / Date
ORDINANCE FACT SHEET

OFFICE REQUESTING: Alderwoman Turner
CONTACT PERSON: 
PHONE NUMBER: 

EMERGENCY PASSAGE: No ☒ Yes ☐ If yes, explain justification.

TYPE OF ORDINANCE: 
FISCAL IMPACT: $0.00
(If amending a previous ordinance, please attach a copy of the previous ordinance)

SUGGESTED TITLE:

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Please list supporting documentation (i.e., contract, agreement, change order, bid book, etc.)

CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME: 
VENDOR NO: 

CHANGE ORDER #:

Method of Purchase (check one)
☐ Low Bid ☐ Other: 
☐ Low Bid Meeting Specs ☐ Exception: 
☐ Low Evaluated Bid ☐ Code Provision: 

Previous Ord #’s

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COMMENTS

This ordinance provides reforms applicable to the City of Springfield Police Department.