

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

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**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

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**RECORDED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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**Mayor James O. Langfelder**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk Frank J. Lesko**

**Approved as to legal sufficiency:**

**Requested by: Alderwoman Turner**

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**Office of Corporation Counsel / Date**

**ORDINANCE FACT SHEET**

REQUEST FORM NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF 1ST READING: 9/15/2020

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.)

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CONTRACTOR / VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VENDOR NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT TERM: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT # \_\_\_\_\_ Change in Scope Yes  No

CONTRACT AMOUNT: 

(Original amount if change order)

Change Order #

Additional Amount

Method of Purchase (check one) Previous Ord #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Low Bid  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Purchasing Agent approval required? No  Yes   
 Low Bid Meeting Specs  Exception: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Purchasing Agent approval attached? No  Yes   
 Low Evaluated Bid Code Provision: \_\_\_\_\_

Accounting information (if more than four accounts, please attach list)

**REVENUE**

	Fund	Agency	Org	Activity	Source	Amount
1						
2						
3						
4						

**EXPENDITURE**

	Fund	Agency	Org	Activity	Object	Amount
1						
2						
3						
4						

FUNDS CHECK BY: _____	Date: _____
DIRECTOR / SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE _____	Date: _____
CITY PURCHASING AGENT: _____	Date: _____

**COMMENTS**

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