

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION THANKING AND COMMENDING RETIRED OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE OFFICERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY AND RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A PRIVATE SECURITY ASSOCIATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the uniform of the Oklahoma City Police Department is a public display of the rigorous training protocols, professional standards and core values of the Department and City; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of trained officers wearing the OCPD uniform is a deterrent to criminal behavior and a valued asset to citizens and business owners within the City seeking to deter such behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, for many years, the ability to wear the OCPD uniform in the pursuit of private employment has been considered one of the benefits of retirement from the OCPD; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many retired officers who have, and are, engaged in private safety and security occupations contributing to the overall safety of residents, visitors and business owners within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The City recognizes the many retired police officers over the years who have made valuable contributions to the safety and prosperity of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the theory of policing has dramatically evolved in recent years resulting in major shifts in the tactics, policies, practices, and overall concept of policing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the benefit in wearing the OCPD uniform provides OCPD retirees, however the City also recognizes potential risks to the safety of the retirees and public were a retiree not adequately trained, physically or otherwise capable of fulfilling the obligations of the OCPD uniform and has therefore reserved the right to prohibit use of active uniforms by amending Chapter 43, Section 43-13 of the Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the desire of many retirees and retiree organizations to form a private security association comprised of retired OCPD officers that will develop ongoing training opportunities and retired officer uniforms to continue performing private safety and security services; and

**WHEREAS**, The City supports OCPD retirees in pursuit of that endeavor in a manner that ensures the safety of all citizens, visitors and business owners within the City and thanks and commends them for their years of service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City that they do hereby recognize the valuable contribution retirees of the OCPD have and continue to provide to The City as retired Oklahoma City Police officers.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**

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City Clerk

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MAYOR

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

  
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Assistant Municipal Counselor