

## **DIVISION 10. POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Sec. 2-271. Generally:**

(a) *Created:* There is hereby created the Rock Island Police Community Relations Commission, referred to in this division as the "Commission", which shall consist of twelve (12) members, who are residents of the city. The membership of the commission shall be broadly representative of the community, including representatives of diverse racial, cultural and nationality groups, and shall include two current or former members of law enforcement including the police union rep, shall include two returning citizens or convicted felons, shall include one member of the legal profession, shall include one college/trade school student (18-23 years of age), shall include one high school student and shall include one member of a trauma informed profession. Members of this commission should be mission driven, result oriented, have an open mind with high quality integrity and a conviction of beliefs.

(b) *Purpose:* The overall purpose of the commission shall be to build a trusting relationship between law enforcement and communities that have historically lacked trust with law enforcement, encourage the recruitment of people of color into a career of law enforcement and support a mission of just and equitable treatment for all citizens regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin, ancestry, religion, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, or unfavorable discharge from military service and to safeguard the rights of all citizens as defined by our laws and constitution. Furthermore, the commission shall protect all citizens from retaliation resulting from filing a complaint to secure compliance with this division.

(c) *Objectives:* The objectives of the commission shall be:

(1) To have access to, review and investigate all complaints filled from residents to the Rock Island police department. Once the commission's investigation is complete, it presents the collected evidence to the Rock Island Mayor, City Council, City manager, Police chief, and Rock Island residents.

(2) To conduct a separate internal investigation to all cases where officer(s) is/are subjected to review from the Rock Island County Integrity Task Force. The commission's primary responsibility will be to make a decision if the officer's actions were justified or not and provide suggested input on future interactions to prevent future incidents. Once the commission's investigation is complete, the commission will present their completed review to the Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office, Rock Island Mayor, City council, Rock Island Police Chief and Rock Island Residents. The commission will not include case sensitive information to the public.

(3) To recommend and implement programs with the chief of police that address the diversity of the community and policing.

(4) To develop a procedure to anticipate, prepare for and help ease community discomfort that may arise from police and community tensions.

(5) To work for greater citizen participation in the planning and execution of public policy in all phases of policing within Rock Island.

(6) To assist in the development of programs that aim toward equality and inclusion through educational opportunities and programs, and to ensure that they are available to all children according to their potential and varying needs.

(7) Host quarterly community meet and greets with Rock island law enforcement and the community as a whole, preferably at different community venues/places.

(8) Host community wide meet and greet for all newly hired Rock Island police officers.

(9) Be included in the contract negotiations with the city of Rock Island and police unions. The commission will receive the proposed contract two weeks prior to the contract being brought before the city council for a vote.

(d) *Appointments:* The members of the commission shall go through an application process in collaboration with The Resolution and Mayor before being appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the city council. Special appointments to the committee shall be recommended by the commission with the approval of the Mayor and city council as vacancies occur.

(e) *Term:* Each group of four members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, thus assuring a balance of twelve members at all times. (During the first appointment appointees would serve staggered terms of 1, 2, or 3 years.)

(f) *Meetings:* The commission shall meet monthly at the city hall or at other venues at the call of the chairman and at such further times as meetings are called by the chairman or majority of the members of said commission. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum which shall be required before any business may be conducted. At the April meeting of the commission, commission members shall elect a chair and vice chair who shall serve for a term of one year.

### **Sec. 2-272. Duties and Powers:**

(a) *Generally:* The commission shall advise and consult with the mayor, city manager and city council on all matters involving police community relations. The committee shall have subpoena power.

(c) *Report:* The commission shall render an annual report to the mayor, city council and publicly to Rock Island residents.

(d) *Community Groups:* The commission shall invite and enlist the cooperation of racial, religious and ethnic groups, community organizations, fraternal and benevolent societies, veterans' organizations, professional and technical organizations and other groups in the city in carrying on its work. The commission may aid in the formation of local community groups in such neighborhoods as it may deem necessary or desirable to carry out specific programs designed to lessen tensions or improve understanding in the community.

(e) *City Departments:* The commission shall request and obtain such cooperation, assistance and data from city departments through the city manager as may be reasonably necessary to carry out its work.