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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO
SECTION 2-796 ET. SEQ. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW
HAVEN UPDATING SECTIONS OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD ORDINANCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the Civilian Review Board Ordinance Section 2-796 be amended as follows below and attached hereto in Schedule A.

DIVISION 10. CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

Sec. 2-796. Civilian review board.

- (a) The Civilian Review Board has the authority to monitor, review, and conduct independent investigations of civilian complaints of police misconduct by police officers empowered to act with municipal police powers in the City of New Haven.
- (b) The office and the professional staff that provide assistance to the Civilian Review Board shall be located in, the Office of the Commission on Equal Opportunities.
- (c) The Office of the Civilian Review Board shall be funded permanently by annual allotments for personnel, services, equipment, supplies, and facilities in an amount no less than that of similarly sized existing departments, offices, and agencies of the City of New Haven.
- (d) The Office of the Civilian Review Board may not be eliminated by any action of any part of the executive branch of government of the City of New Haven.

(Ord. No. 1853, § 1, 1-7-19)

Sec. 2-797. Objectives.

The Civilian Review Board's function is to create a public, transparent, and impartial means by which to review, monitor and independently investigate any civilian complaints of police misconduct against a police officer employed by a police department empowered to act with municipal police powers in the City of New Haven.

(Ord. No. 1853, § 2, 1-7-19)

Sec. 2-798. Membership.

- (a) The Civilian Review Board shall consist of a number of members with no more than fifteen (15), and shall, at a minimum, consist of members selected as follows: one (1) member from each of the police districts in the City of New Haven, one (1) member of the Board of Alders, and, at least, two (2) at-large members.
- (b) A non-at-large member, who moves from one policing district to another policing district, within six (6) months of the term expiration date, may complete the term to which that member was appointed.
- (c) All members of the Civilian Review Board shall be residents of the City of New Haven.
- (d) No member of the Civilian Review Board shall be a current sworn officer of any police department or law enforcement entity.

