



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-0823, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance to reauthorize and continue City Code Chapter 2-17 (Police Reserve Force), established for the appointment of police reserve officers to act in a supplementary capacity to the regular police force pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012. Funding: This item seeks the reauthorization and continuation of City Code Chapter 2-17 and has no fiscal impact.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item seeks the reauthorization and continuation of City Code Chapter 2-17 and has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

July 20, 2023 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20230720-190 (Ordinance) creating the police reserve force.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This ordinance will reauthorize and continue City Code Chapter 2-17 (Police Reserve Force) established for the appointment of police reserve officers. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012, the police chief may call members into service at any time the police chief considers it necessary to have additional officers to preserve the peace and enforce the law. Reserve police officers may, however, act only in a supplementary capacity to the regular police force and may not assume the full-time duties of regular police officers. Members of the police reserve force are temporary employees and serve at the discretion of the police chief.

The City Council adopted the Ordinance creating the police reserve force to act in a supplementary capacity to the regular police force. The police reserve force does not assume the full-time duties of regular police officers and, per the meet and confer agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Police Association (Agreement), reserve police officers are limited to performing duties at Special Events, as defined in the Agreement. The Ordinance became effective July 31, 2023, and expires July 31, 2025, unless continued by Council. The police reserve force is currently composed of 29 members. The appointed members are licensed peace officers and meet the qualifications and standards established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and required by the Ordinance. With this action, City Council approves future appointments in order that the reserve officers have the authority to carry a weapon or otherwise act as a peace officer. The total size of the police reserve force may not exceed 75 members.