



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1954, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

9/25/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution approving the police chief's appointment of members of the police reserve force, which the police chief may call into service when necessary to supplement the regular police force, as required by City Code Chapter 2-17 (Police Reserve Force) and in compliance with Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012 (Police Reserve Force). Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

July 24, 2025 - Council approved the appointment of police reserve force members.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This resolution will approve the appointment of members of the Austin Police Department police reserve force.

On May 22, 2025, City Council approved Ordinance No. 20250522-040 (Ordinance) reauthorizing and continuing the police reserve force in line with Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012. The police chief has appointed the individuals named below to the police reserve force. 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. City Council must approve the 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. 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 reserve police force are temporary employees and serve at the discretion of the police chief. The licensed peace officers appointed by Lisa Davis, Chief of Police, are Douglas Ellis, Allen McClure, Arthur Wormley, and James Beck.