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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. ~~2016-36~~ 2016-36B

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE WHITESTOWN POLICE BOARD TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR A CITIZENS POLICE COMPLAINT BOARD

WHEREAS, public safety is vital to the function of local government and the community; and

WHEREAS, with police enforcement powers comes great responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town Council" and "Town", respectively) desires to promote cooperation and understanding between its citizens and the Whitestown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the improper use of police enforcement powers can inflict significant damage to individuals and a community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desire to be proactive in ensuring that the public may maintain confidence in the legitimate exercise of police enforcement powers in Whitestown; and

WHEREAS, when citizens have concerns regarding the actions of police officers, they desire assurances that their concerns are heard in an independent and transparent fashion; and

WHEREAS, it is also important for police officers to receive a fair and impartial review of citizens' complaints that appropriately address unwarranted accusations of police conduct; and

WHEREAS, promoting a positive relationship between the general public and the Whitestown Police Department is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires that the Whitestown Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners ("Police Board") work to develop an independent Citizens Police Complaint Board for the purpose of hearing and investigating citizens' complaints of police misconduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, as follows:

1. The Whitestown Police Board is encouraged to investigate and develop a proposal for the creation of a Whitestown Citizens' Police Complaint Board, to provide an avenue for persons who believe they have been treated improperly by a Whitestown officer to have their complaint or concerns articulated and investigated in a timely manner.

2. The Whitestown Citizens' Police Complaint Board should be independent from the Whitestown Police Department and other police officers, and should include representatives from the general public. The proposal should also include procedures for receiving, hearing, and addressing complaints or concerns in a timely and transparent manner, as well as procedures for dispute resolution of such complaints where appropriate.

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3. The Whitestown Police Board shall report to the Town Council on its proposal on or before the October 12, 2016 Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA	YAY/NAY
Eric Miller, President	Yes
Susan Austin, Vice-President	Yes
Kevin Russell	YAY
Clinton Bohm	YAY
Jeffrey Wishek	YAY

ATTEST:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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