

## Resolution 2024-36

### A Resolution to Establish the Chief Eugene Petty Police Accountability Committee (PAC)

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle Police Department was first accredited in 2020 through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle Police Department was awarded re-accreditation in July 2024, through a unanimous vote of the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC); and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide police accreditation program develops standards to ensure consistency of police operations, totaling to 108 standards necessary to become accredited in compliance with Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) standards in order to retain accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) establishment, Delaware Law had established the Delaware Council on Police Training (COPT) to oversee accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, House Bill 206 was approved and amended the Delaware Code related to Police Officer Standards and Training Commissions and provided for many things including establishing Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) and also issuing guidelines for local police oversight commissions or boards; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Eugene Petty was the first African American Chief of Police for the City of New Castle and made significant contributions to the City of New Castle Police Department; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of New Castle shall establish the Chief Eugene Petty Police Accountability Committee (PAC) in accordance with Delaware Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Eugene Petty Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will be established by the Chief of Police to appoint members of the community to serve on the board to provide advice to the department on policy, training, how the department engages with the community and other issues related to or affecting the department and the communities served by the department.

**PASSED** this 17th day of September 2024

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Suzanne Souder, City Council President

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Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

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Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

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Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

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Brian Mattaway, Councilperson

Attest:

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Courtney Taylor, City Clerk

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