

DRAFT amendment to Freeport Ordinance Chapter 2 – Administrative Code
Proposed language to be added is indicated by underline. No deletions are proposed.

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SECTION 618 – POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

618.1 Establishment

The Police Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) full members. Full members shall be Freeport residents, over the age of 18, without current or previous work experience in the field of law enforcement. A quorum of three full members shall be required to conduct business. The Committee shall elect annually a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Additionally, there shall be four (4) associate members as follows:

- One (1) Town Council liaison.
- Two (2) high school students, who shall be Freeport residents enrolled in a public, private, or home study course of high-school level education.
- One (1) Freeport Police Officer, who shall attend meetings at the request and pleasure of the Committee Chair.

Associate members shall have the right to participate in all discussions but shall not have the right to vote.

Committee members shall be appointed and serve as follows: All five (5) full Committee members and the two (2) associate high school students shall be appointed by the Town Council and shall serve three year, staggered terms. The one (1) associate Town Council liaison shall be appointed annually by the Town Council Chair. The one (1) associate Freeport Police Officer shall be appointed annually by the Chief of Police.

618.2 Mission

The mission of the Committee shall be to increase equity in policing, minimize harm in the community, and improve lines of communication and accountability between residents and the Freeport Police Department.

618.3 Duties

The duties of the Committee shall be as follows:

- 1) Study, review, and recommend policy to the Freeport Police Department based on community input and expertise.
- 2) Assist the Town with Police Department Staffing.
- 3) Provide the public with transparency of complaints to ensure it is thorough, objective, fair and timely.
- 4) Provide a forum for the public discussion of law enforcement effectiveness and policing procedures in our community, recommend ways to improve community relationships and provide advice on various law enforcement initiatives.
- 5) Research best practices for use of Town resources related to policing and safety, and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council.