

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE TO DEVELOP STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WHICH SHALL GOVERN THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INTERACTION WITH THE ATLANTA CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD, (ACRB), AND WHICH MUST OUTLINE A CLEAR PROCESS BY WHICH INVESTIGATORY DATA MAY BE EXCHANGED AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE COMMUNICATED; AND TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL ACTIONS THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT COULD TAKE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ACRB TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACRB; AND TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND THE COMPLETION OF THIS EVALUATION WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THIS ORDER.**

**WHEREAS**, my vision for One Atlanta centers around five Citywide goals focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive City; world-class employees, infrastructure and services; an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and residents who are equipped for success; and

**WHEREAS**, the One Atlanta vision serves as the framework for creating a more Affordable, Equitable, and Resilient city; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve these goals public agencies, residents, businesses, non-profits, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and more must work together; and

**WHEREAS**, police nationwide have shot and killed nearly 1,000 people annually since 2015, including approximately 181 shootings in the state of Georgia since 2015 which is approximately 18 shootings per million people in the state of Georgia<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, although half of the people shot and killed by police are white, black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate, accounting for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, while being killed by police at more than twice the rate of white Americans<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Police Department (APD) has long had a commitment as an agency to the implementation of best practices on how police practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust; and

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>

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**WHEREAS**, these include being one of 15 law enforcement agencies out of 18,000 in the nation to be recognized for implementing the 21st century policing methods, and receiving a model city designation for APD's efforts to implement and follow the 59 recommendations set in place by President Barack Obama's Task Force On 21st Century Policing; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, APD has implemented implicit bias training, requires officers to visit the National Center for Civil and Human Rights as a part of their training; and the City support efforts to provide housing for our police officers in many of our communities in which they are serving in; and

**WHEREAS**, nevertheless recent incidents of persons needlessly facing injury or death at the hands of APD officer have shown that these efforts have not been enough to address the urgent need for reform within the Atlanta Police Department to rebuild the trust so desperately needed throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in light thereof, there exists a need to examine the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with my commitment to equity in Atlanta, on June 4, 2020 I issued Administrative Order 2020-17 via which I convened an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes to the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-17 the Police Use of Force Advisory Council was asked to convene and provide initial recommendations to me within fourteen (14) days; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally the Use of Force Advisory Council was asked to prepare and present a more comprehensive report of recommendations, following the receipt of community input within forty-five (45) days (45 Day Report); and

**WHEREAS**, the Use of Force Advisory Council submitted its initial 14-day recommendations to me for consideration, and in accordance therewith on June 15, 2020 I issued Administrative Order 2020-18 which required the immediate implementation of amendments to the Atlanta Police Department's standard operating procedures and work rules to require the reporting of all uses of deadly force by a police officer to the Citizens Review Board (ACRB); and

**WHEREAS**, the 45 Day Report includes thirty-three (33) recommendations that focus on improving Atlanta policing across five focus areas including: 1) Mission, Vision, Values; 2) Standard Operating Procedures; 3) Governance; 4) Community Partnerships; 5) Reporting and Transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Use of Force Advisory Council has now submitted its 45 Day Report in which it recommends that APD adopt a clear process by which investigatory data may be exchanged and disciplinary action may be communicated with the ACRB, and by which it recommends that APD take action to collaborate with the ACRB to improve community awareness of the functions and responsibilities of the ACRB; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police to develop standard operating procedures which shall govern APD's interaction with the ACRB and which must outline a clear process by which investigatory data may be exchanged and disciplinary action may be communicated and to evaluate potential actions

the Atlanta Police Department could take to collaborate with the ACRB to improve community awareness of the functions and responsibilities of the ACRB; and

**WHEREAS**, these standard operating procedures shall be developed, and this evaluation shall be implemented within 90 days of this order.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA**, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

**Section 1.** The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police to develop standard operating procedures which shall govern the Atlanta Police Department's interaction with the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) which must outline a clear process by which investigatory data may be exchanged and disciplinary action may be communicated to the ACRB.


**Section 2.** The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the Interim Chief of Police to evaluate potential actions the Atlanta Police Department could take to collaborate with the ACRB to improve community awareness of the functions and responsibilities of the ACRB.

**Section 3.** The development of the standard operating procedures and the completion of this evaluation in accordance herewith shall be implemented within 90 days of this order.

**SO ORDERED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

  
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Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Municipal Clerk  
**Foris Webb, III**  
**Municipal Clerk**