



**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

20-R-4176

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANTONIO BROWN AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND REQUESTING THAT THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUE AMENDMENTS TO THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE USE OF FORCE TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES REGARDING ALTERNATIVES TO THE USE OF FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, millions of people worldwide watched in horror as a Black man, George Floyd was killed before our eyes by a Minnesota Police Officer while his fellow officers stood by in silence; and

WHEREAS, citizens globally reacted through protests and demanded action to prosecute the officers involved in the killing, while chanting about the need for systematic changes in existing policing policies which could have allowed such an atrocity to occur; and

WHEREAS, "8 Can't Wait" is a project by the anti-police-brutality agency, Campaign Zero, created in an effort to reduce police violence through the adoption and implementation of restrictions in police use of force policies which are found to be associated with reductions in killings by police; and


WHEREAS, Campaign Zero was launched in August 2015 as a result police protests in Ferguson, Missouri, following the death of an unarmed black teenager Michael Brown, by a white police officer; and

WHEREAS, the agency recommends eight procedural changes which they have determined result in decreased police violence by 72% and have shown to reduce killings by police and save lives, including, These include: 1) Banning chokeholds and strangleholds; 2) Requiring de-escalation strategies; 3) Requiring warning before shooting; 4) Exhausting all alternatives before shooting; 5) Duty to intervene (from other officers); 6) Banning shooting at moving vehicles; 7) Requiring use of force continuum; and 8) Requiring comprehensive reporting (involving use of force against civilians); and

WHEREAS, the time is now to take swift actions to implement real systematic changes in police policies and begin to reinvent the culture of policing with use of force in support of other alternative methods; and

WHEREAS, several cities, including the City of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the Cities of Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C., the City of Tampa, FL and the City of Somerville, Massachusetts, have either previously incorporated the alternatives to use of force in their police procedures or adopted modified versions of the eight principles recommended by Campaign Zero; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council supports the long-term goal to develop a non-police group to respond to non-criminal calls, and other reforms to curb use of excessive force; and



WHEREAS, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms issued an Executive Order on June 4, 2020 to convene an Advisory Council to examine the City's use of force policies and procedures in order to make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes within 45 days of the issuance of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council supports APD amending its Standard Operating Procedures to incorporate procedural changes which supports alternatives to use of force; and

WHEREAS, further changes may be considered following recommendations from the Mayor's Policing Advisory Council.

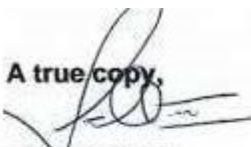
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Atlanta Police Department (APD) is hereby requested to pursue amendments to the Atlanta Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures related to the use of force to incorporate certain principles regarding alternatives to the use of force described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the alternatives to use of force, referenced in Section 1 of this Resolution and which studies have shown to reduce police violence against citizens, should include, but should not be limited to the following: 1) Banning chokeholds and strangleholds; 2) Requiring de-escalation; 3) Requiring warning before shooting; 4) Exhausting all alternatives before shooting; 5) Duty to intervene (from other officers); 6) Banning shooting at moving vehicles; 7) Requiring use of force continuum; and 8) Requiring comprehensive reporting (involving use of force against civilians).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments to the standard operating procedures referenced in Section 1 of this Resolution should include consideration regarding the development of preliminary and initial Force Supplement Reports, with input from objective defensive tactic instructors independent of field operators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that insofar as APD's current standard operating procedures may already include one or more of the aforementioned procedures for alternative use of force, APD is hereby requested to conduct a thorough review thereof to determine if additional updates are needed.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

A true copy,

Foris Webb III
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

AUG 03, 2020
AUG 12, 2020



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Anthony Brown, Councilmember, District 3



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Workflow List:

Atlanta City Council Completed 08/03/2020 1:00 PM

08/03/2020 Atlanta City Council ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [14 TO 1]
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SECONDER:	Carla Smith, Councilmember, District 1
AYES:	Bond, Westmoreland, Dickens, Smith, Farokhi, Brown, Winslow, Archibong, Ide, Matzigkeit, Hillis, Boone, Overstreet, Sheperd
NAYS:	Howard Shook



LEGISLATION HISTORY – BLUE BACK

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<p>Mayor's Action</p> <p><i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i></p>	

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

8/03/2020