

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO CONVENE AN ANTI-VIOLENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS, BOTH EXISTING AND POTENTIAL, WHICH SHALL REVIEW THE EXISTING ACTIONS AND PLANS RELATED TO ADDRESSING VIOLENT CRIMES, AND WHICH SHALL REPORT THEIR IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THIRTY TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, AND THEIR LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER.**

**WHEREAS**, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 16, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance thereof, on March 16, 2020 all City facilities, including City Hall and Municipal Court were declared closed to the general public until further notice, and the City implemented a mandatory full telework deployment; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (Governor’s Executive Order 04.02.20.01) to address the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing temporary actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia’s residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, Governor Kemp has issued a series of Executive Orders which amend and revise the temporary action necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia’s residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many major cities, including Atlanta, have seen a significant increase in the rate of violent crime, including aggravated assaults and homicides; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2021, the Washington Post published an article citing 2020 as the “deadliest year in decades for gun violence” across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the article cites data pulled from the Gun Violence Archives that shows 20,000 Americans killed by gun violence in 2020, more than any other year in at least two decades, and further states that, “[l]ast year, the United States saw the highest one-year increase in homicides since it began keeping records”; and

**WHEREAS**, those statistics are in line with what the Atlanta Police Department is experiencing here, particularly amongst people who know one another; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, I, along with Mayors and leaders across the country have recognized gun violence as a public health emergency, and I have announced that the City of Atlanta will seek to use a portion of its American Rescue Plan funds to support a \$5 million commitment to expand Atlanta’s Cure Violence initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2021, my administration released the One Atlanta: One APD Immediate Action Plan to address violent crime in the city; the Plan is the first part of a broader effort focused on bolstering support for the Atlanta Police Department and reforming policing in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2021 State of the City address, I committed to putting an additional 250 new officers on the street during the next fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, I have committed \$3 million through a public and private partnership to expand the City of Atlanta’s video integration center camera network by 250 cameras over the next fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, I committed to working with our philanthropic and corporate partners to build a new Public Safety training facility for our police officers and fire department to ensure that they get top-notch training in a well-equipped facility; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2021, I released the One Atlanta: One APD Community Policing Roadmap—a cohesive community policing strategy that will help reform policing in our community and protect all Atlantans; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2021, I announced the “One Atlanta—Light Up the Night” initiative to increase the City’s streetlight footprint by 10,000 lights—with focus on areas with high rates of traffic crashes and crime; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to my commitment to public safety in Atlanta, it is my desire to convene an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to review the actions the City is currently taking to address violent crime, as well as to review the City’s plans to address violent crime going forward; and

**WHEREAS**, this Anti-Violence Advisory Council shall provide opportunities for stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and perspectives to offer feedback and input concerning violent crime in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Violence Advisory Council shall consist of members of law enforcement, representatives of violence prevention organizations, local business and Community Improvement District representatives, community organization and neighborhood representatives, and justice system representatives such as defense attorneys, prosecutors, and judges; and



**WHEREAS**, the Chief Operating Officer shall convene the Anti-Violence Advisory Council immediately, and it shall report its findings and immediate recommendations to me within thirty to forty-five days from the date of this order, and its long-term recommendations within ninety days from the date 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:

**SECTION 1:** The Chief Operating Officer shall convene an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to review the actions the City is currently taking to address violent crime, as well as to review the City's plans to address violent crime going forward.

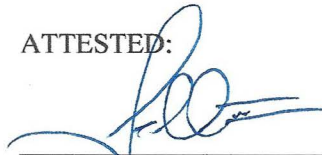
**SECTION 2:** The Chief Operating Officer shall convene the Anti-Violence Advisory Council immediately, and it shall report its findings and immediate recommendations to me within thirty to forty-five days from the date of this order, and its long-term recommendations within ninety days from the date of this order.

**SO ORDERED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk

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

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