

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE KNOX COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF BOARDS SIMILAR TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE'S LONG-STANDING POLICE ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE BY OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARDS.

RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Stair  
PREPARED BY: Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, for decades the City of Knoxville's Police Advisory Review Committee has work collaboratively with the community and the Knoxville Police Department in investigations where wrongdoing may have occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Advisory Review Committee's ability to issue a subpoena has had a positive impact on the functioning of the committee; and

**WHEREAS**, having subpoena powers has been beneficial to the City of Knoxville in conducting investigations, which otherwise may be hindered or incomplete; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Knoxville deserve a government that may conduct investigations in appropriate circumstances, and the citizens are best served when the City of Knoxville is able to complete an appropriate investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining trust and fairness in the eyes of the citizens is important, and Knoxville's Police Advisory Review Committee has now entered its third decade and is the longest continuously running citizen-run police advisory board in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, recently proposed legislation in House Bill 658 and Senate Bill 1407 would negatively affect organizations such as the Police Advisory Review Committee to issue subpoenas as part of its function; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council believes that the ability of boards, including the Police Advisory Review Committee, to issue subpoenas as part of an investigative process is reasonable and allows local governments to review situations for potential mismanagement and wrongful acts, thereby allowing citizens to have greater faith in government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:**

**SECTION 1:** The Council of the City of Knoxville hereby respectfully requests that the members of the Knox County Legislative Delegation avoid approving any legislation that would impact the time tested and carefully developed subpoena powers of local boards, including subpoena powers, and thus and help maintain citizens' faith in government to be able to adequately investigate matters.

**SECTION 2:** Upon adoption, the City Recorder is hereby respectfully requested and directed to forward a true and correct copy of this Resolution to the members of the Knox County Legislative Delegation to apprise them of City Council's respectful request.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

---

Presiding Officer of the Council

---

City Recorder