



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda Briefing Memorandum
Ordinance 0027-25 –Department of
Community Safety

AGENDA DATE:

According to 2026 Budget Consideration Calendar

PREPARED BY: Scott R. Letteney, City Attorney
REVIEWED BY:

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an ordinance remove the existing requirement that the Department of Community Safety be 100% grant funded.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

As it currently exists, Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 8, section 2-435(b), of the Municipal Code provides that, if grant funding is unavailable for an ensuing year to fund 100 percent of the budget of the Department of Community Safety, such Department shall be dissolved, and the position of Director of the Department of Community Safety shall be eliminated, no later than December 31 prior to such ensuing year.

If approved, proposed Ordinance 00XX-25 – Department of Community Safety, would amend Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 8, by deleting section 2-435(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine. This would have the effect of removing the existing requirement that the Department of Community Safety be 100% grant funded. However, the redrafted ordinance contemplates that the budget for the Department would be funded by available grant funding and, if grant funding is not available to fund 100% of the Department's budget, then the Common Council shall fund the balance of the Department's budget as approved in the City's annual budget.

The full text of the proposed changes included in proposed Ordinance 00XX-25 are set forth, below. Language that is stricken through would be deleted. Language that is underlined would be added. Language that is neither stricken through nor underlined is existing language that would not change. For emphasis, the proposed changes are in **red**. Stricken language would be deleted and underlined language would be added.

DIVISION 4. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

Sec. 2-435. - Budget.

(a) The common council shall provide in the annual budget for an amount it deems necessary to carry on the activities of the department of community safety for the ensuing year.

(b) ~~In the event grant funding is unavailable for an ensuing year, as contemplated by Ch. Ord. section 4-27, to fund 100 percent of the budget of the department of community safety, the department of community safety shall be dissolved, and the position of director of the department of community safety shall be eliminated, no later than December 31 prior to such ensuing year.~~ In the event grant funding is unavailable for an ensuing year as contemplated by Ch. Ord. section 4-27 to fund 100 percent of the budget of the department of community safety, the balance of the budget of the department shall be funded as approved in the annual

city budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve.

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: If approved, the ordinance change would remove the existing requirement that the Department of Community Safety be 100% grant funded. Presumably, if grant funding were not available to pay for all Department of Community Safety operations, non-grant funding would be used.