



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

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DATE: February 13, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA TITLE:

Adoption of Resolution 2020-01 Staggered terms for Advisory Committee on Public Safety Members

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2020-01; staggering terms of office for ACOPS Members

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In order to maintain continuity and pass on historical knowledge, staggered terms on committees are recommended. On many Town Committees, a two-year term is offered to individuals interested in filling the volunteer positions. The two-year term provides the committee some continuity and historical knowledge when new members come to the committee. The ACOPS appointment is currently a one-year appointment cycle. If all members were replaced at one time, the historical knowledge and continuity that the committee has gained would be lost.

The Council received the ACOPS recommendation for staggered two-year terms at its meeting on January 23rd. This agenda item is to formalize with the attached Resolution 2020-01 the establishment of staggered terms. Based on Council discussion, the Police Chief and Council liaison Ellen Andeen agreed to discuss with all Committee members if they had a preference on whether they wished to be appointed to a one-year or two-year term in order to make the transition to staggered terms.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to modifying the terms of ACOPS members. Committee members would continue to be volunteers.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution 2020-01