

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## City Council



### Ordinance No. 13

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor Koalastyll

For Mayor TheySinned, Co-Sponsored by Chairminion Krenth & HoR T.

An ordinance for an Act entitled: "The Public Safety Committee Act"

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AN ACT to address the existing issues with public safety and establish municipal intelligence.

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#### **SECTION 1. SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CODIFIED REFERENCE.**

- (a) This bill is severable, meaning if one part does not abide by the City Charter or Federal Law, the other parts will remain in action unless also found to also violate set laws.
- (b) All municipal legislation contradicting this bill and its contents is hereby null in void collectively.
- (c) This bill's codified reference shall be referred to as "D.C. Ordinance 24-13"
- (d) This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage following a majority of approval from the District of Columbia City Council.

#### **SECTION 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

- (a) Section 1. Severability, Effective Date, General Provisions, Codified Reference
- (b) Section 2. Table of Contents
- (c) Section 3: Establishment
- (d) Section 4: Powers
- (e) Section 5: Members

### **SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

- (a) A committee known as “The Public Safety Committee” shall be established.
- (b) The Public Safety Committee shall be chaired by the Mayor, with their Deputy Mayor serving as Vice Chair.
  - (1) The Mayor shall be designated as the Public Safety Commissioner with their Deputy serving as the Deputy Public Safety Commissioner.
- (c) The District Blacklist is hereby established and shall have the purpose of preventing someone from being hired into any municipal entity.

### **SECTION 4. POWERS.**

- (a) The Public Safety Committee will come to all decisions by a majority vote.
- (b) It will be the principal board tasked with overseeing the District Response to crises or major events.
- (c) It will serve as the key advisor to the council in the development and implementation of all legislation related to public safety or municipal intelligence.
- (d) Under the guidance of the Public Safety Commissioner, it will be the emergency body that reorganizes municipal departments in times of emergency.
- (e) It shall have the authority to direct and order departments of the District of Columbia to provide responses and actions appropriate with the rule of law.
- (f) It shall have the responsibility of designing and managing a district threat level system for the District of Columbia.
- (g) It shall have the authority to issue District Blacklists.
  - (1) The Mayor can declare such without committee consent; however, the committee can revoke it with majority vote.
  - (2) Actions require proof of serious criminal activity taking place.
  - (3) The Committee will be required to maintain a channel for appealing blacklists.
- (h) It shall be tasked with maintaining a District-Security Watchlist, tracking major threats to the security of the District.
- (i) The Metropolitan Police Department must receive authorization for any kind of intelligence operation from the committee or Mayor.
- (j) It shall be the responsibility of the Public Safety Commissioner to keep the Public Safety Committee updated on all ongoing operations unless bound not to by law or compromise of such operations is possible.

- (k) It shall have the power to create sub-committees or divisions of the Public Safety Committee or shall reveal information pursuant to decided security clearances.
- (l) The U.S. District Court shall have the authority vested in them to remedy violations of this act and D.C. Public Law upon petition of any resident of the District of Columbia, actual, and punitive, monetary damages, injunctive, declaratory, and other relief may be provided at the discretion of the court.

## **SECTION 5. MEMBERS.**

- (a) The following individuals shall be apart of the Public Safety Committee:
  - 1. Mayor of the District of Columbia (chair);
  - 2. Deputy Mayor of the District of Columbia (vice chair);
  - 3. Council President of the District of Columbia;
  - 4. District Attorney General;
  - 5. Metropolitan Police Department Chief;
  - 6. Fire Department Chief;
  - 7. Emergency Medical Services Chief;
  - 8. And any other individual the Chairman appoints.
- (b) The members named in Section 7(a)(1-8) shall be voting members of the PSC, the Chairperson may reorganize, revoke and remove individuals from certain PSC committees.
- (c) The District of Columbia Mayor is to be the sole presiding officer unless absent then it shall fall upon their Deputy Mayor.
- (d) In the vacancy of a Chairperson the Vice Chair shall be the Chairperson and in the vacancy of the Vice Chair the Chairperson and its delegated powers may be provided to the District Attorney General.
- (e) The Committee will be constantly assembled within the Municipal Government Discord and on a Committee Trello, and shall meet bi-weekly (every two weeks) during normal times and weekly during times of crisis.

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