

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-20-123 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Brook Bassan & Trudy Jones

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THAT A POLICY OR PROCEDURE BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS  
3 INSTANCES OF UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE, UNAVAILABILITY OR  
4 INCAPACITY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE CHIEF; REQUIRING  
5 RECRUITMENT UPDATES FOR A PERMANENT CHIEF WHEN A VACANCY  
6 EXISTS.

7 WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that certain key appointments by the  
8 Mayor be presented to the City Council for confirmation; and

9 WHEREAS the Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department is one such  
10 appointment requiring confirmation by the City Council because of its critical  
11 importance to the welfare of the City; and

12 WHEREAS, per the City Charter, a Police Chief must be presented to the  
13 City Council for confirmation within 45 days after the Mayor takes office or  
14 after a vacancy is filled; and

15 WHEREAS, the police chief is of particular importance and relevance  
16 because of the current and pressing demands on the department, including  
17 the DOJ reform process, understaffing, and elevated crime; and

18 WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the Charter prescribes a timeframe for  
19 presentation of a Chief to the Council after a vacancy is filled, the City Council  
20 has not previously considered policies aimed at promoting continuity of  
21 leadership within APD; and

22 WHEREAS, the officers and staff of the Albuquerque Police Department,  
23 together with the residents of Albuquerque, should be provided with  
24 reasonable assurances and predictability about the continuity of steady  
25 leadership within the Police Department;

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
2 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE THAT:

3 Section 1. APD shall adopt a policy or operating procedure that identifies  
4 how the duties and authority of the Chief of Police will be transferred or  
5 reassigned in the event that the Chief of Police vacates the position without  
6 sufficient advanced planning, or becomes unavailable or incapacitated for any  
7 reason.

8 Section 2. When an interim appointment of a police chief exceeds 45  
9 days, the Mayor shall submit an executive communication to the Council for  
10 its receipt, which, at a minimum, addresses the following:

- 11 • The status of the selection process;
- 12 • How the vacancy has been advertised or publicized;
- 13 • An assessment of the relative level of interest in the position by  
14 qualified persons; and
- 15 • The anticipated timeframe for a permanent appointment.

16 Section 3. If the duration of an interim appointment exceeds 135 days,  
17 the Mayor shall submit a second executive communication to the Council for  
18 its receipt offering updates to the information previously provided.

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