

SPONSORS: ALD. COGGS, MOORE AND PEREZ

AMENDMENT 26A

DEPARTMENT	EFFECT		
	BUDGET	TAX LEVY	TAX RATE PER \$1,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	+\$0	+\$0	+\$0

AMENDMENT INTENT

Insert a footnote urging the Police Department to survey victims' families regarding their experiences with the victim support resources and victim specialists provided to them.

Footnotes are informational only. It is necessary for the Common Council to adopt legislation to implement the intent of the footnote. If the Common Council fails to pass said legislation, the footnote has no impact.

BACKGROUND

1. Violent crimes can have severe impacts not only on the immediate victim, but on the victim's family members and loved ones as well.
2. One subject of discussion during the recent police budget hearing was how the Police Department could improve its interactions with victims and their families during the investigation of criminal offenses.
3. While reducing the quantity and severity of crimes that occur could be regarded as the primary purpose of a law enforcement agency, mitigating the effects of crimes by providing supportive services to victims and their families may reduce the net negative impact of crime on the local community.
4. Some families have indicated that the primary change they would like to see in the process is improved communication from the Department with more frequent and informative updates about the criminal case, rather than access to social workers.
5. Surveying the families of crime victims could provide insight to their needs and allow the Department to address them more accurately.

DISCUSSION

This footnote amendment would urge the Police Department to survey families regarding their experiences with the victim support resources and victim specialists provided to them.

EFFECT

The footnote will have no effect on the budget, the tax levy, or the tax rate.

COMMITTEE VOTE: (~~x-x~~) In Favor: Ald.
 Opposed: Ald.

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OBJECTIVE, OVERALL BUDGET LEVY EFFECT OF THIS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BUDGET TAX LEVY TAX RATE EFFECT
EFFECT EFFECT (PER \$1,000 A.V.)

Operating Budget \$+0 \$+0 \$+0.000

BMD-2 PAGE AND LINE NUMBER	DETAILED AMENDMENT	CHANGE IN 2025 POSITIONS OR UNITS COLUMN		CHANGE IN 2025 AMOUNT COLUMN	
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	SECTION I.A.1. BUDGETS FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES				
	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	SALARIES & WAGES				
	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF				
280.1-7	Add the footnote designator "(A)" to the following line: "Chief of Police (B)(Y)"	--	--	--	--
280.21-19	Immediately following the line: "NON-O&M FTE's"	--	--	--	--
	Insert the following lines: "(A) The Police Department shall survey families regarding their experiences with the victim support resources provided to them and their experiences with victim specialist."				