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Substitute motion modifying Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force.

This motion modifies Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force. This modification restores a recently deleted requirement that a Use of Force Report be written when a department member draws or displays a firearm to effect an arrest or seizure of a person. It also restores a provision that exempted this type of Use of Force Report from the requirement that photographs to illustrate any injury or lack thereof be taken of the subject against whom force was used.

Whereas, The settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Sterling D. Brown v. City of Milwaukee, et al., Case No. 18-CV-922-PP, required that Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force be amended to require the completion of a Use of Force Report when a department member draws or displays a firearm (including a shotgun or rifle) to effect an arrest or seizure of a person; and

Whereas, The obligations pursuant to the settlement agreement were time-limited and are no longer applicable; and

Whereas, Effective October 16, 2024, Milwaukee Police Department General Order 2024-47 made changes to Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force, including ending the requirement, previously documented in section 460.50.B.1.j, that a Use of Force Report be completed when a department member draws or displays a firearm (including a shotgun or rifle) to effect an arrest or seizure of a person; and

Whereas, S. 62.50(3)(am), Wis. Stats., allows the Common Council to suspend or modify any policy established by the Chief of Police upon a two-thirds vote of all of the members of the Common

Council; now, therefore

It is moved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that Section 460.50.B.1 of Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force shall be modified as follows:

1. The Use of Force Report shall be completed by a supervisory officer when a department member:

>>Draws or displays a firearm (including a shotgun or rifle) to effect an arrest or seizure of a person.<<

; and

It is further moved, That Section 460.50.B.3 of Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460 - Use of Force shall be modified as follows:

3. In any situation which triggers the filing of a Use of Force Report photographs must be taken of the subject against whom force was used, to illustrate any injury or lack thereof.

Note: The taking of photographs does not apply when a department member >>either<< points a firearm at a person >>or draws and displays a firearm (including a shotgun or rifle) to effect an arrest or seizure of a person<<.

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