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Substitute resolution relating to continuation of periodic Police Department reports and trends concerning major reportable criminal offenses in the City of Milwaukee.

This resolution rescinds resolution File Number 68-2494, adopted on March 4, 1969, relating to submission of monthly crime reports and recreates the resolution to authorize the Police Department to issue quarterly reports to all aldermen, within 2 months of the close of the quarter, concerning major reportable crimes and trends both the citywide and by individual aldermanic districts. This resolution further directs the Chief of Police, or the representative of the Chief, to appear before the appropriate Council committee to present and discuss the findings and the trends contained in the quarterly report.

Whereas, Common Council resolution File Number 68-2494 adopted on March 4, 1969, authorized the Police Department to issue monthly reports to all aldermen concerning major reportable crimes within the census tracts of the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Information technology upgrades and developing tracking software for law enforcement purposes in the Police Department's data services division has interrupted the consistent and timely flow of crime data to members of the Common Council; and

Whereas, It appears that these significant data collection and reporting difficulties experienced by the Police Department have been resolved; and

Whereas, In order to make informed policy decisions for the City of Milwaukee and for the Police Department, the Common Council must be provided with necessary information regarding conditions and crime trends in their respective aldermanic districts, and citywide, as well; and

Whereas, Information related to major reportable crimes within the aldermanic districts is a valuable resource for understanding the issues and concerns of the constituents of each district and the citizens of the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, The information provided by the Police Department on a quarterly basis would assist aldermen in a better understanding of police services available in the respective aldermanic districts; and

Whereas, This information would further assist aldermen in better understanding the needs of the Police Department related to police services; and

Whereas, This information and the timelines requested for the communication of this information to the Common Council would be consistent with the Police Department's policy to keep elected officials apprised of the conditions and service needs in the aldermanic districts; now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that resolution File Number 68-2494, adopted on March 4, 1969, authorizing the Police Department to issue monthly reports to all aldermen concerning major reportable crimes within the census tracts of the City of Milwaukee, is rescinded; and, be it

Further Resolved, That in lieu thereof, the Police Department shall provide to each alderman a quarterly report which includes major reportable crimes and trends in the respective aldermanic districts and the City as a whole with the reporting quarter to close every March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and that this report shall be submitted in a format congruent with the Police Department reporting capabilities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That these quarterly reports shall be submitted to the members of the Common Council within 2 months of the close of the respective quarter; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Chief of Police, or a representative of the Chief, shall appear before the appropriate Council committee to review and discuss the findings and the trends contained in the quarterly report.

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