



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2787

SUBMITTED BY: Darrel Guadnola

DEPARTMENT: Police

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
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REQUEST

An ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article III, Sec. 1-3006, to authorize Community Service Officers to respond and investigate non-emergency traffic accidents, where there are no reported injuries, where there is minor property damage, and where there is no indication any of the involved parties were driving while impaired.

BACKGROUND

The City employs Community Service Officers (“CSOs”), who have the authority to enforce the City’s municipal ordinances and code violations related to land use, animals and fowl, sales and use tax, nuisances, business licensing, parking, and building design, construction, and maintenance. Traditionally, CSOs working through the Commerce City Police Department primarily focus on assisting with managing traffic control at accident scenes, securing accident scenes, responding to calls to investigate and enforce municipal codes, ordinances, and regulations generally focusing on animal control and parking violations. They also assist with enforcement of federal, state and local felony and misdemeanor laws, codes, ordinances and regulations, cold police reports, serving legal notices and they interface with residents chiefly related to calls involving animals and parking. The Police Department’s CSOs play a vital role in maintaining public safety and enhancing community relations on matters that do not require the immediate presence of a sworn police officer. The Police Department believes that CSOs can also be helpful to reduce some of the pressure placed on sworn police officers by responding to, and investigating, non-emergency traffic accidents, where there are no reported injuries, where there is minor property damage, and where there

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is no indication any of the involved parties were driving while impaired. By expanding the definition of CSOs, to include additional duties and responsibilities, related to the handling of non-emergency traffic related violations, it will enable sworn police officers to direct their attention to higher priority calls, while simultaneously serving the residents and visitors of Commence City.

JUSTIFICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Public Safety	By amending and expending the definition of CSOs, to include additional duties and responsibilities, related to the handling of non-emergency traffic related violations, it will enable sworn police officers to direct their attention to higher priority calls, while simultaneously serving the residents and visitors of Commence City who are involved in non-emergency traffic accidents.		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1. Approve Ordinance number 26-2787 amending Chapter 1, Art. III, Sec. 1-3006, to authorize Community Service Officers, to respond and investigate non-emergency traffic accidents, where there are no reported injuries, where there is minor property damage, and where there is no indication any of the involved parties were driving while impaired.
- Available Action #2. Fail to approve Ordinance number 26-2787.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends action #1, approval of the item.