

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1, COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE

SUMMARY

This proposed amendment establishes a community crisis response system in the city designed to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service that require a different approach from the traditional police- or fire-only dispatch. This includes the creation of the Division of Community Crisis Response as a division within Columbus Public Health that would manage these services and mandating unarmed response services for appropriate calls for service. The amendment would also establish an advisory board to oversee and make recommendations in this effort and require data collection and quarterly reports. The amendment would also require proactive engagement with residents to keep them apprised of operations, as well as an assessment of operations every four years. It would require funding amounts of \$5 million in fiscal year 2027 and \$12 million by fiscal year 2031. The amendment includes required dates for implementation of certain goals, such as Initial appointments to the Board and when crisis response services are to be made fully available. It would mandate that these services be operational by January 1, 2029 and be available as needed 24 hours a day/seven days a week by January, 1, 2031.