

Code Change Fact Sheet

This fact sheet must be attached to any ordinance in Legistar that is proposing to amend Columbus City Codes. It should also be circulated among Councilmember offices prior to submitting an ordinance in Legistar.

It is also a standard practice that Council will not consider any code changes that have not been previously reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office. Drafters should ensure that the City Attorney's office has approved a final version of a proposed code change prior to circulating this fact sheet to Councilmember offices

Department Requesting Code Change:

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Ordinance Number: 2020-2026

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Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:

Chapter 236 – The Community Crisis Response Advisory Board chapter is being created.

What is the overall purpose of this code change? *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

This code change begins the process for enacting the alternative crisis response mechanism that voters approved via Issue 5 and a Charter amendment in May, 2026. The role of the advisory board will be to inform and shape the expansion and roll out of the city's response infrastructure, and will include representation by professionals working in the field, by city staff, and the broader community.

Why is this code change needed? *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

The Charter amendment approved by voters included a mandate directing the establishment of this advisory board.



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What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?

The city would not be in compliance with the Charter requirements adopted by voters via Issue 5, and furthermore, it would delay the ultimate implementation of the city's response infrastructure.

Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?
These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.

The code change requires that the advisory board be provided staff support "to the extent practical and necessary in relation to planning programs, budgets, and priorities, as well as retaining public records and issuing public meeting notices." It is likely that there will ultimately be budgetary implications for staffing the advisory board once it is fully seated and operational.

Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?

This code change largely aligns with the tenets and requirements of Issue 5, which themselves were the product of extensive community engagement by the Columbus Safety Coalition, Columbus City Council, and the administration. Council has been deliberate with regard to routinely engaging the stakeholders most impacted by the implementation of the city's response mechanism to ensure that their interests are represented.

Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date?

The code change will become effective with the ordinance.



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