Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3360, **Agenda Item #:** 35. 11/18/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-10 (Municipal Court) to establish the City Marshal Office as a division of the Austin Municipal Court; repealing sections 2-6-1 through 2-6-14 of the City Code related to the former Public Safety and Emergency Management Department to remove obsolete sections of the City Code, renumbering remaining sections accordingly, and renaming Chapter 2-6 (Public Safety and Emergency Management Department).

Lead Department

Municipal Court.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $1,344,243 is available in the FY 2021-2022 Municipal Court Operating Budget. Funding in the amount of $1,435,824 is available in the FY 2021-2022 General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Prior Council Action:

August 4, 2005 - City Council adopted ordinance 20050804-047 creating the Public Safety and Emergency Management (PSEM) department, which had oversight over the City marshals.

December 6, 2007 - City Council adopted resolution 20071206-047 consolidating the PSEM marshals into the Austin Police Department (APD).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Since the consolidation of the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department (PSEM) and the Austin Police Department (APD) in 2008, APD has provided officers to provide court security and serve court processes, including transports and arrests, for the Austin Municipal Court and Downtown Community Court. As part of the *Reimagining Public Safety* initiative, establishing a City Marshal program will allow APD to reassign its officers to functions that require sworn peace officers working in the community. When the City Marshal Office is fully implemented, APD will transfer the APD officers who are supporting Municipal Court to Patrol or other APD units as appropriate.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.