

Special Session

Agenda Item #	9
Meeting Date	November 23, 2009
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	First Reading Ordinance Amending the Takoma Park Code by Repealing Chapter 2.16, Article 4, Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee
Background	<p>The Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee (PSCAC) was established by City Council resolution in 1994. Four years later, in 1998, the City Council established it as a statutory committee. The role of the Committee is to provide input and advice to the Council on how the City can better meet the ongoing needs and concerns of residents in the area of police services and public safety.</p> <p>In a series of discussions that took place in October 2009, the City Council discussed the status of the PSCAC. The Council heard a proposal from Chief Ricucci regarding a Police Chief's Advisory Board that would provide a structured and defined approach to engaging the community in the area of public safety.</p> <p>The Council subsequently directed staff to prepare an ordinance amending the City Code to remove the article referencing the PSCAC.</p>
Policy	The City Code is amended by adoption of a two-reading ordinance.
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact beyond the cost added to prepare the annual supplement to the City Code.
Attachments	First Reading Ordinance Amending the Takoma Park Code by Repealing Chapter 2.16, Article 4, Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee
Recommendation	Accept the ordinance at first reading.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Effective Date:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2009-_____**

**AMENDING TAKOMA PARK CODE, CHAPTER 2.16 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,
BY REPEALING ARTICLE 4,
PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, a number of boards, commissions and committees have been established by the City Council and incorporated into the City Code as statutory bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Citizens Advisory is was established by City Council resolution in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Citizens Advisory was added to the Takoma Park Code as a statutory committee in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee is described in Chapter 2.16, Article 4, of the Takoma Park Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the needs of the City would be better met by other means of discussing public safety issues and reaching out to the Takoma Park community regarding public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.16, Article 4, Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee (Section 2.16.070, 2.16.080, and 2.16.090) is repealed.

SECTION 2. The table listing each statutory committee, term length, and expiration date is amended to delete reference to the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2009, by roll-call vote as follows:

Aye:
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: