

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-38**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO
CONTINUE AND AUGMENT THE TRANSPARENCY, TRAINING, PROCEDURES, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE LARAMIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Whereas, on June 2nd, 2020 residents began marching in Laramie in solidarity with national demonstrations in protest of criminal justice and policing practices and, locally, produced a series of requests for improvements to the Laramie Police Department; and,

Whereas, the Governing Body recognizes the influence that implicit biases can have in systems of power, and that those biases can create differing outcomes based on race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics; and,

Whereas, the Governing Body remains committed to combating inequality and ensuring fair, transparent, and unbiased application of the law for all Laramie residents;

Whereas, the Laramie Police Department remains committed to transparency, superior training, and best practices as it protects the City, and always welcomes resources and ideas to improve its operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, BY THIS RESOLUTION:

Section 1: To direct the City Manager to identify and present options to the city council for the creation of a civilian oversight board; and,

Section 2: To authorize the City Manager to investigate areas in which mental health professionals may be appropriately utilized in place of, or in combination with, Laramie Police Department officers; and,

Section 3: To explore further community policing opportunities, increase positive interactions between the Laramie Police Department and the public; and,

Section 4: To identify funding within the existing public safety budget to increase the percentage of officers in the Laramie Police Department with crisis intervention training and to expand other areas of training relevant to achieving more equitable policing.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 30th day of June 2020.

Joe Shumway
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk