



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-0870**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending Division 4, Citizens' Police Review Board, Section 2-250 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to add an alternative finding to the Citizens' Police Review Board's recommendations, and providing for severability, repeal of conflicting ordinances provisions, and an effective date (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4).

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an amendment to Section 2-250 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to add the additional finding of "Policy Failure" as a potential finding of the Citizens' Police Review Board.

**Background**

In November 2018, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department revised department policy 117.3 (Internal Affairs – Responsibility/Complaint Processing), by adding an additional potential finding of "Policy Failure." "Policy Failure" is defined, within the policy, as "a finding or conclusion that current policies, procedures, rules or regulations covering the situation were non-existent or inadequate; or the employee followed policy but the investigation reveals policy changes are recommended." Section 2-250(a)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale requires the Board to recommend findings consistent with Fort Lauderdale Police Department Policy 117.3. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the Code so that the Board's potential findings are consistent with the potential finding of the Office of Internal Affairs.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this proposed ordinance revision.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

## **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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