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Committee on Public Safety

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago and the Illinois Attorney General's Office entered into a judicially enforceable consent decree to help bring about needed reform of the Chicago Police Department and other public safety departments in the City; and

WHEREAS, the federal judge overseeing the consent decree process has appointed an independent monitor to measure and comment on the progress of police reform in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the independent monitor will be issuing multiple publicly available progress reports in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2019, the independent monitor released its first progress report in which it found that the City had achieved at least preliminary compliance with 15 of 67 consent decree paragraphs that had deadlines in the first reporting period (March 1, 2019, through August 31, 2019); and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the independent monitor released its second progress report in which it found the City had achieved at least preliminary compliance with 22 of 74 consent decree paragraphs that had deadlines in the second reporting period (September 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council, including but not limited to its Committee on Public Safety, has a critical role to play in providing oversight and adopting laws pertaining to police reform and improved public safety through the City of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2-84 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new section 2-84-198, as follows:

2-84-198 Hearings on Consent Decree Reports by the Independent Monitor

Within 60 days of the filing of a written public report of the status of the consent decree by the independent monitor, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety shall convene a meeting of the Committee on Public Safety. The Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, and the President of the Police Board, or their respective designees, shall appear before the Committee to report on, and answer questions concerning, the independent monitor's report.

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SECTTON 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its due passage and publication.