TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.10 of the Code of the City of Wichita Pertaining to the Wichita Citizen’s Review Board

INITIATED BY: City Manager’s Office

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Declare an emergency and adopt the ordinance on first reading and authorize all necessary signatures.

Background: The Wichita Citizen’s Review Board was formed to assist the Wichita Police Department with outreach opportunities, to review racial and other biased-based policies, advise on policy development and practices as well as to review post discipline findings of Professional Standards Bureau investigations upon request of the Chief of Police or the Board.

Currently, the Board has 11 members who are appointed by the City Manager.

Analysis: A number of changes to the Citizen’s Review Board’s composition and procedures have been requested by the Board and citizen groups. The proposed amendments give the Mayor and the City Council authority to appoint seven members of the 13-member Board. The remaining six members will continue to be appointed by the City Manager. Terms of the Board are revised to be consistent with other board appointments. Members of the Board will serve two-year terms with no members serving more than four consecutive full terms.

The procedural changes will allow the individual who made the initial complaint to Professional Standards to be notified of the Board’s review of the complaint and will have the opportunity to attend the Board’s meeting to provide information regarding the complaint. The amendments also allow the Board to receive a discipline summary of the officer, who is the subject of the discipline being reviewed, and would allow the Board to issue a written report regarding its review.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The ordinance amendments have been drafted by the Law Department and approved as to form.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the City Council, declare an Emergency and adopt the ordinance on first reading and authorize the necessary signatures.

Attachments: Declaration of Emergency, Clean and Delineated Ordinances.