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## **Committee on Public Safety Monthly Rule 45 Report March 2026**

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Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Public Safety submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for March 2026.

Date, Time &

Location of Meeting:

On March 3, 2026, the Committee on Public Safety held a meeting in City Council Chambers, at 10:30 am.

Attendance:

The following members were present at the March 3, 2026 Meeting: Chairman Hopkins (2), Yancy (5) - REMOTE, Chico (10), Gutierrez (14) - REMOTE, López (15), Tabares (23), Sigcho-López (25), Fuentes (26), Taliaferro (29), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Knudsen (43), Gardiner (45), Martin (47), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Hadden (48), and Silverstein (50) - REMOTE.

The following members were absent from the March 3, 2026, Committee on Public Safety meeting: Curtis (15).

There were 0 non-members present:

### **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

On March 3, 2026, the Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 10:34 am. Chairman Hopkins called the committee meeting to order. Chairman Hopkins took a roll call to establish a quorum, and a quorum was established. Chairman Hopkins requested a motion on Rule 59 to permit remote participation for members Yancy (5), Gutierrez (14), and Silverstein (50).

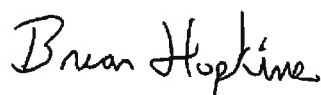
Chairman Hopkins then opened the floor to begin the public comment period and explained the procedures for public comment. The following speakers addressed the committee: Aisha Davis, Dennis White, John Catanzara Jr, George Blakemore, Sandy Norman, Zoe Leigh, Celene Mielcarek, and Steve Dale. Chairman Hopkins closed the public comment period.

The Committee on Public Safety addressed the following matters:

- Approval of February 2026 Rule 45 Report ( Recommended Do Pass)
- O2025-0015393: Amendment of Municipal Code Section 7-12-290 regarding cruelty to animals and increasing fines to \$5,000 for each offence (Recommended Do Pass)
- O2024-0009463: Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 8-5 by adding new section 8-5-010, enhancing penalties for persons arrested while concealing or attempting to conceal their identity during violation of Title 8 offences affecting public peace, morals and welfare (HELD IN COMMITTEE).
- O2023-0005298: Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 8-16 to establish prohibitions and penalties for minors who violate curfew, engage in drag racing, flipping of cars, intoxication, or use of paintball guns and provisions to hold parents accountable for their minor children's illegal actions (RECOMMEND DO NOT PASS).

Having no further business before the committee, Alderman Gardiner motioned to adjourn at 12:38 pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Hopkins  
Chairman, Committee on Public Safety