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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS



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AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

The New Orleans City Council today voted to adopt an ordinance to amend and re-ordain Chapter 2, Article XIII, Sections 1120 and 1121 of the Code of the City of New Orleans which confirms the Independent Police Monitor Division (OIPM) as a division of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and to confirm the protections and authority of state laws regarding records disclosure to the OIPM.

The Administration, through the City Attorney, requested greater assurance regarding the ability of the OIPM to protect confidential documents from public records requests under the same public records law exemptions as any other OIG division. The OIG and the Administration were able to work together to provide this solution to the Administration's concerns, which will allow the OIPM to fulfill its obligations under its ordinance and to access critical information of the NOPD.

Police Monitor Susan Hutson said, "The Administration's agreement and the City Council's legislative action are important steps towards allowing the OIPM to fulfill its commitments to the People of New Orleans."

The ordinance is attached to this press release. The entire OIG and OIPM ordinances can be viewed and downloaded from the websites at <http://www.nolaoig.org> and <http://www.nolaipm.org>.

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ORDINANCE
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: June 28, 2012

CALENDAR NO. 29,109

NO. _____ **MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES**
BY: **COUNCILMEMBER GUIDRY (BY REQUEST)**

AN ORDINANCE to amend and re-ordain Chapter 2, Article XIII, Sections 1120 and 1121 of the Code of the City of New Orleans to include the Independent Police Monitor Division as a division within the Office of Inspector General, to convey the protections and authority of state laws included thereto, to provide requirements for records disclosure to the Independent Police Monitor Division; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That Chapter 2, Article XIII, Section 1120 of the City Code is hereby amended
3 and re-ordained to read as follows:

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5 (1) *Creation of the city office of inspector general.* Pursuant to section 9-401 of the
6 Home Rule Charter of the city, this article establishes the city office of inspector general, which
7 includes the Independent Police Monitor Division. The authority and duties of the Independent
8 Police Monitor Division are established in Sec. 2-1121.

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10 (7) *Records disclosure.* All records of the Office of Inspector General shall be exempt
11 from public disclosure and shall be considered confidential, unless it is necessary for the
12 Inspector General to make such records public in the performance of his or her duties.
13 Unauthorized disclosure of information by the Inspector General or any employee of the Office
14 of Inspector General is subject to review and disciplinary action by the appointing authority.
15 The Office of Inspector General is subject to all state laws concerning public records.

1 **SECTION 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FURTHER**
2 **ORDAINS**, That Chapter 2, Article XIII, Section 1121 of the City Code is hereby amended
3 and re-ordained to add the following:

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5 (21) *Records disclosure.* All records of the Independent Police Monitor Division of the
6 Office of Inspector General shall be exempt from public disclosure and shall be considered
7 confidential, unless the Independent Police Monitor is legally required to make such records
8 public. Unauthorized disclosure of information by the Independent Police Monitor or any
9 employee of the Independent Police Monitor Division of the Office of Inspector General is
10 subject to review and disciplinary action by the appointing authority. The Independent Police
11 Monitor Division of the Office of Inspector General is subject to all state laws concerning
12 public records.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ AT _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT: