

Council Members Calsolaro, Casey, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Fox, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Scalzo, Smith and Timmons, which was approved

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1.11.09 (As Amended 4/6/09)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 3 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO REPEAL ARTICLE XI-A ENTITLED "GUN VIOLENCE TASK FORCE" AND TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE XI-A ENTITLED "GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM."

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Article XI-A of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 42, Part 3 of the Code of the City of Albany is amended by adding thereto a new Article XI-A entitled "Gun Violence Prevention Implementation Team" to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI-A

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

§ 42-73. Legislative intent; purpose.

A. The City of Albany has been experiencing a rash of violent criminal acts where firearms have been involved. Many of these violent gun incidents have both a youth perpetrator and a youth victim.

B. These violent criminal acts have either taken the lives of many victims or left many victims with great physical as well as emotional injuries. Beyond the immediate harm to the victims and their families, these violent gun acts have a detrimental effect on the social character of the City, leading to a perception that Albany is an unsafe city which hurts the efforts of the city administration to promote Albany as a place to live, visit, or invest in.

§ 42-74. Establishment.

There shall be, and is hereby, established a Gun Violence Prevention Implementation Team in the City of Albany to assist the City in preventing gun violence in the City of Albany.

§ 42-75. Membership; term; compensation; vacancies.

A. The Gun Violence Prevention Implementation Team shall be composed of nine voting members appointed as follows: three members shall be appointed by the Common Council; three shall be appointed by the Mayor; and one member each shall be appointed by the following involved agencies as a representative of such agency: the Albany County District Attorney's Office, the City of Albany Police Department, the City of Albany School District. Members

appointed by the Common Council and Mayor shall be residents of the City of Albany. All members shall be individuals who possess a knowledge or interest in gun violence related issues. Members shall serve without compensation.

B. Each member shall serve a two year term. The Implementation Team shall designate one of its members as Chairperson and one as Vice Chairperson each of whom shall serve for a term of one year. Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the predecessor to fill the unexpired term.

§ 42-76. Powers and duties.

The Implementation Team shall:

A. Assist the City, its departments, and other agencies in implementing the recommendations contained in the 2008 Final Report of the City of Albany Gun Violence Task Force;

B. Monitor efforts of the city, county, state and federal government to prevent and reduce gun violence;

C. Have the authority to research and report on programs used successfully by other municipalities to reduce gun related violence and the approximate cost of such programs;

D. Have the power to request documents, conduct public hearings, hear testimony of witnesses, and take any other action it deems necessary to carry out its functions. Every department, office, division, agency or public authority of this city shall cooperate to the full extent possible with the Implementation Team and furnish such information and assistance as the Implementation Team determines is reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose in a timely fashion;

E. Provide a written report to the Common Council in June and December of each year.

§ 42-77. Expenses.

Neither the Implementation Team nor its members shall incur any cost or expense for or on behalf of or payable by the City of Albany without written authorization of the Common Council.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**Approved as to form
December 28, 2008**

Corporation Counsel