



AGENDA

Human Services Committee

Monday, August 19, 2024

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800
5:00 PM

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(I) CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: COUNCILMEMBER BURNS

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

HS1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024** 4 - 6

Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2024.

For Action

[Human Services Committee - May 06 2024 - Minutes](#)

(III) PUBLIC COMMENT

Those wishing to make public comments at the Human Services Committee meetings may submit written comments in advance or sign up to provide public comment by phone or video during the meeting by completing the City Clerk's Office's online form at <https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/city-clerk/public-comment-sign-up> or by calling/texting 847-448-4311.

Community members may watch the Human Services meeting online at www.cityofevanston.org/channel16 or on Cable Channel 16.

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS2. **Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report** 7 - 62

Staff recommends the Human Service Committee accept and place on file the Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

[Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report](#)

HS3. **Beekeeper License Review** 63 - 71

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee review an objection against a potential beekeeper's application to operate a bee apiary at 1817 Asbury Avenue, Evanston. The authority to deny or grant a beekeeper's license when there is an objection rests with the Human Services Committee.

For Action

[Beekeeper License Review](#)

HS3. **General Assistance (GA) Update** 72 - 74

Staff recommends that the Human Services Committee accept and place the 2024 General Assistance annual report on file.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

[General Assistance\(GA\) Update](#)

HS5. **Ordinance 70-O-24, Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City Code Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl** 75 - 81

Councilmember Reid recommends the Human Services Committee approve Ordinance 70-O-24, Title 5, Chapter 3, Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4, Dogs, Cats, Animals, and Fowl, creating a section in the municipal code for ending breed restrictions for residential properties and vaccination requirements for dogs respectively.

For Action

[Ordinance 70-O-24, Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City Code Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowls.](#)

HS6. **Resolution 41-R-24 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation** 82 - 89

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 41-R-24 designating

the portion of Maple Avenue between Church Street and Clark Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign “Dr. Edward A. Blumen Way.”

Funds for the honorary street name sign program are budgeted in the Public Works Agency, Public Service Bureau - Traffic Operations' materials fund (Account 100.40.4520.65115), which has a fiscal year budget of \$68,000 and a year-to-date balance of \$57,000. The approximate cost to create the street name signs is \$200.

For Action

[Resolution 41-R-24 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation](#)

- HS7. **Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City** 90 - 93

The Animal Welfare Board recommends adoption of Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City.

For Action

[Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City](#)

(V) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- HS7. **Permit Waiver for Seniors** 94 - 95

Councilmember Geracaris recommends the Human Service Committee discuss establishing a permit waiver system for seniors who have lived in Evanston for ten years or more and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI).

For Discussion

[Permit Waiver for Seniors](#)

(VI) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

(VII) ADJOURNMENT

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City of
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MINUTES

Human Services Committee

Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 5:15 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember,
Devon Reid, Councilmember, Juan Geracaris, Councilmember, and
Krissie Harris, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

STAFF PRESENT: Ike Ogbo, Staff Liaison

(I) **CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: COUNCILMEMBER REID**
The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. Councilmember Harris attended via Zoom.

(II) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
HS1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2024**

Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2024.

For Action

Moved by Councilmember Burns
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Harris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

(III) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Ndonu Muyboyai, Kimberly Holmes-Ross, Tracy Brown Powell, Dionna Gibson, and Robin Rue Simmons all expressed support for the Evanston Pathways to Wellness Program.

(IV) **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**
HS2. **The Evanston Pathway to Wellness Program**

Funding is requested through the American Rescue Plan Act, account number
170.99.1700.55251

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Councilmember Burns recommends the Human Services Committee approve the \$400,000 funding allocation using the American Rescue Plan Act funds to implement the "Evanston Pathway to Wellness," a one-year pilot program aimed at improving health outcomes for Evanston's most vulnerable populations. This effort has been in coordination with Health Director Ike Ogbo and Community Development Director Sarah Flax.

Moved by Councilmember Burns
Seconded by Councilmember Geracaris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Harris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS3. **Ordinance 30-O-24, Amending Title 3 Chapter 36 of City Code Concerning the Regulation of Video Gaming**

Councilmember Reid recommends the passage of Ordinance 30-O-24, Amending Title 3 Chapter 36 of the City Code Concerning the Regulation of Video Gaming.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Burns

Ayes: Burns, Reid, Geracaris, and Harris

Nays: Revelle

Motion Passed 4-1 on a recorded vote

(V) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

HS4. **Ending Breed Restrictions for Residential Units**

Councilmember Reid recommends that the Human Services Committee discuss creating a section in the municipal code regarding ending pet breed restrictions for residential properties.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Burns

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Harris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

Perry Kubala, the City's animal warden, says a dog breed does not relate to the dog's action. The committee would like a draft ordinance crafted and returned to the committee for action. The recommendation was moved by Councilmember Reid and seconded by Councilmember Burns. The motion was approved 5-0

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Human Services Committee
May 6, 2024

(VI) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

HS5. Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report

Staff recommends the Human Service Committee accept and place on file the Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.

Moved by Councilmember Burns
Seconded by Councilmember Geracaris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris, and Harris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

(VII) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm

CAO

Mayor



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Jennifer Levi, Administrative Assistant
Subject: Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Human Service Committee accept and place on file the Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

Attached are the summaries of 5 (five) complaints and 9 (nine) compliments, as well as a letter from the Chief of Police in remembrance of Former Evanston Police Chief, William H. Logan.

Enclosed summaries include:

CR # 24-01
CR # 23-02
CR # 23-06
DI # 23-06
DI # 23-14

Attachments:

[Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Compliments August 19, 2024](#)

Police Complaints

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Complaint Register

CR # 24-01

Initiated: January 24, 2024

Completed: June 11, 2024

Allegation

On January 24, 2024, the OPS Commander received a Police Employee Complaint filed by a subject using ' Good Citizen' as a moniker. The Complainant alleged that an unknown Evanston Police Officer drove a vehicle that made an illegal left turn from southbound Ridge Avenue to eastbound Grove Street. The OPS Sergeant classified this complaint as a Complaint Register.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Officers may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rule, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 27** Failure to operate a city vehicle in a careful or prudent manner.

**The Incident,
Per OPS Sergeant**

According to the Complainant's emailed complaint form, on January 25, 2024, at approximately 6:21 PM hours, he observed an Evanston Police Officer driving a vehicle that made an illegal left turn from southbound Ridge Avenue to eastbound Grove Street. The Complainant stated that left turns at this intersection are prohibited from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Despite the time being 6:21 PM, the Officer signaled a left turn onto Grove Street. The Complainant stated he honked and yelled to notify the Officer that the left turn was illegal. The Complainant also alleged he recorded a video of the incident but disclosed that the quality of the video was poor and did not allow for the identification of the license plate number of the police vehicle. The Complainant did submit a still image captured from the video as evidence.

Actions, OPS Sergeant

The OPS Commander noted that the alleged incident occurred at Ridge Avenue and Grove Street on 01/25/2024 at 1821 hours, as 'Good Citizen' reported. The Complainant stated that he observed a police car signaling a left turn onto Grove St., which is prohibited from 7 AM to 7 PM. 'Good Citizen' honked and yelled to notify the Officer of the illegality of the turn, as it was 6:21 PM. Despite capturing a video of the incident, 'Good Citizen' reported that the video was too poor to discern a license plate number, but he provided a still image.

The OPS Commander responded to 'Good Citizen,' expressed his intent to investigate his complaint, and requested the video evidence. 'Good Citizen' was also asked to provide the vehicle number. However, at the time of the OPS Commander's memorandum, no response was received from 'Good Citizen.'

The OPS Commander reviewed available information, including AVL status in CAD and call history, around the time of the incident. The OPS Commander Identified the possible Officer who drove the vehicle. The Accused Officer began her shift at 1800 hours and was dispatched to a warrant service at the 1100 block of Chicago Avenue at 1819 hours. The vehicle assigned to the Accused Officer on 01/25/2024 was identified as vehicle #09.

Photo Analysis:

The EPD vehicle was observed turning against a traffic control device without activating emergency lights. Weather conditions at the time indicated light snow with a temperature of 11 degrees Fahrenheit. An EPD Detective was asked to review the metadata for the photograph submitted by 'Good Citizen', indicating it was taken from a cell phone video rather than an in-car camera. The EPD Detective advised that he believed the still image was taken from a cell phone video and not an in-car camera. The Detective also stated that if the image is correct, 'Good Citizen' was filming with his cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, a traffic violation, as he was utilizing his cell phone while operating a motor vehicle under 625 ILCS 5/12-610.2 (Electronic communication devices).

Review of the Accused Officer's BWC:

The OPS Commander reviewed the Accused Officer's BWC footage as she responded to the warrant arrest. The BWC activated as the Accused Officer drove southbound on Chicago Avenue in approximately the 1200 block. The Accused Officer did not have her BWC activated when she was dispatched to the call; therefore, her driving prior to arriving at the 1100 block of Chicago Avenue was not captured.

The OPS Commander stated that he made efforts to gather additional information from 'Good Citizen' but did not respond. The lack of response and limited evidence stalled further action regarding this complaint.

Actions, Patrol Sergeant

The Patrol Sergeant advised the Accused Officer of this complaint and directed her to submit a memorandum delineating her recollection of this incident. The Accused Officer complied.

Accused Officer's Memorandum: The Accused Officer stated that she was assigned to beat 73 that day and explained that after roll call, she went to her car to retrieve their "go-bag". While doing so, a call was dispatched to the Jewel Osco on Chicago Ave, initially assigned to another officer. The accused Officer stated she was uncertain if she was logged in at the time but decided to take the call as the primary responder since it fell within her beat. She did not recall recalling being in the area in question because she was at Lot 6 gathering her belongings when the call was dispatched.

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Sergeant

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and information associated with this complaint, The Patrol Sergeant stated that the Accused Officer did not violate Rule 1, Rule 2, or Rule 27. For Rule 1, the Patrol Sergeant could not determine if the Accused Officer violated a state traffic law due to insufficient evidence regarding the squad car number and the timing of the traffic infraction. Similarly, for Rule 2, there was insufficient evidence to prove the Accused Officer committed a traffic infraction at the reported location and time. Regarding Rule 27, there was insufficient evidence to prove the Accused Officer operated the vehicle in the photograph. Despite 'Good Citizen' failing to provide adequate evidence and cooperation, the Patrol Sergeant recommended that none of the proposed rule violations be sustained. Consequently, the Accused Officer should not receive counsel, training, or discipline as no evidence supports the allegations.

The Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, & 27**. The Patrol Sergeant classified these rules as **NOT SUSTAINED** and **RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 04/14/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and information associated with this complaint, the Patrol Commander stated that he concurred with the recommendation made by the Patrol Sergeant to close the case with a finding of *Not Sustained* for all potential rule violations related to the Accused Officer. The investigation lacked conclusive evidence, such as witness testimony or definitive vehicle identification, making it impossible to establish the Accused Officer's involvement as the driver or the timing of the photograph in question.

The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, & 27**. The Patrol Commander classified these rules as **NOT SUSTAINED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 04/14/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and information associated with this complaint, the Deputy Chief stated he agreed with the conclusions of the Patrol Sergeant and the Patrol Commander that the evidence does not substantiate any violations of the specified rules. The photo provided by the Complainant lacked clarity regarding the timing of the alleged traffic violation within the specified time frame of the "no left turn" restriction and the identification of the vehicle number or driver.

The Deputy Chief **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, & 27** and classified them as **UNFOUNDED**; the Deputy Chief **RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 04/30/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of **CR # 24-01**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **5-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police

The Chief of Police **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, & 27**, and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 06/11/2024).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
CR 24-01

Summary of Facts:

- On January 25, 2024, the Complainant, also known as "Good Citizen," emailed the department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS) to file a complaint.
- The OPS Commander reviewed the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) status of the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and other databases. This suggested that the Accused Officer may have been involved in the incident while responding to a call at the 1100 block of Chicago Avenue.
- The Accused Officer's BWC footage was reviewed but found no evidence of the alleged infraction.
- The Accused Officer denied the accusation, stating that she was assigned to Beat 73 on the date in question and only traveled west of Ridge once during her shift to refuel at Fleet Services.
- The OPS Commander requested additional information from the Complainant, including video evidence and the squad car number, which was not provided.
- However, the Complainant submitted a blurred photograph of a marked car. In a review of the submitted photo, there were no identifying markings or the squad car number. All windows were closed, which further hindered the identification of the officer inside.
- Based on the evidence gathered, it remains inconclusive whether a traffic infraction occurred, the specific squad car involved, or the officer's identity.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged that an unknown officer violated traffic regulations by making an illegal left turn from Ridge onto Grove, contrary to the posted sign.

Recommended Adjudications:

Accused Officer One

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules	1, 2,& 27	Not Sustained
		No Further Action

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules	1, 2,& 27	Not Sustained
		No Further Action

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules	1, 2,& 27	Unfounded
		No Further Action

CPRC Vote

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Chief of Police

1, 2,& 27

Unfounded

No Further Action

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Complaint Register

CR # 23-02

Initiated: April 17, 2023

Completed: May 13, 2024

Allegation

On April 17, 2023, the Complainant responded to the Evanston Police Department and reported his desire to file a complaint. He met with the OPS Commander and OPS Sergeant for an informal interview. The Complainant alleged that during a dispute on March 21, 2023, at the Davis Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train station, the Officers quickly took the side of CTA personnel, denying him the opportunity to present his perspective. Additionally, he alleged that the Accused Officers refused to call his designated "handlers. " The Complainant also stated that his knife was taken and not returned during the interaction.

Furthermore, he proclaimed that Accused Officer One made false statements, including inaccuracies about CTA policy and the legitimacy of the Complainant's organization. Accused Officer One referenced a prior arrest of the Complainant for similar actions and a complaint filed against another officer, which the Complainant disputed. He further alleged that Accused Officer Two conducted an unauthorized search of his person and belongings due to Accused Officer One's false statements. Lastly, the Complainant claimed that Accused Officer Two used excessive force during the search. The OPS Sergeant classified this case as a Complaint Register.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Officer may have violated the following:

Accused Officer One

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training or order of the department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rule, regulations, policy, training or order in question.
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- Rule 6** Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of a duty or task.
- Rule 20** Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.
- Rule 40** Making a false report or statement, written or oral, in connection with job-related responsibilities.

Accused Officer Two

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training or order of the department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of

discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rule, regulations, policy, training or order in question.

Rule 2 Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the department and its members.

Rule 6 Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of a duty or task.

Rule 20 Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

LEXIPOL 300.3 USE OF FORCE

Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

The Incident, Per Patrol Sergeant

On March 21, 2023, Evanston Police Department (EPD) Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at the CTA train station. The caller reported a black male who was threatening the booth attendant. The Accused Officers arrived at the CTA station with their body-worn cameras activated. Inside the station, the CTA manager expressed his desire for the Complainant to leave the station due to his disruptive behavior, which involved yelling at CTA employees. Accused Officer Two sought confirmation from the Complainant that he understood the request.

The Complainant spoke about the shortcomings of the CTA and began to explain his prior interactions with the staff. After approximately 30 seconds, Accused Officer One interjected, informing the Complainant that he had dealt with similar situations involving the Complainant before. Accused Officer One made it clear that the Complainant was not affiliated with the CTA as a manager, auditor, or employee, and he mentioned the Complainant's previous arrests for similar behavior. Accused Officer One directed the Complainant to leave the station and not return for the day.

As Accused Officer One spoke to the Complainant, Accused Officer Two observed the Complainant's right hip. The Complainant appeared to be wearing a gun holster. The Complainant was asked if he was carrying a weapon, to which he replied, no. Accused Officer Two grasped the Complainant's arm without any sign of discomfort from the Complainant. Accused Officer Two inquired about the Complainant's FOID or Conceal and Carry License, to which the Complainant initially did not respond. Eventually, the Complainant stated he did not have a gun. The Complainant reached for his right side with his left hand, and Accused Officer Two stopped him. Accused Officer Two also discovered a wallet-like device around the Complainant's neck under his sweater, which contained various cards, including one related to Byrna.

Accused Officer Two removed the Complainant's backpack and placed it on the ground while examining the cards. An assisting Officer arrived at the scene. Accused Officer Two held the Complainant's card indicating he was "Chairman/President/CEO Community & Social Services."

of an organization. When asked for a regular (state-issued) ID, the Complainant referred to his "handlers" and named two officers from the Detective Bureau, whom he mandated to report his whereabouts weekly to comply with the Sex Offender Registry.

Accused Officer Two removed an object from the Complainant's left pant pocket and handed it to the Assisting Officer. The Assisting Officer placed the knife in his own pocket. The Complainant was repeatedly asked for an ID, but he insisted the officers contact his handlers.

Accused Officer Two searched the Complainant's backpack, inquiring if a weapon was inside, the Complainant laughed. The Complainant then engaged in a verbal altercation with a CTA staff member, raising his voice and becoming more aggressive. Accused Officer Two suggested the Complainant step outside the station with the other Officers. The Complainant moved towards the station doors but did not leave.

The CTA Manager informed the Assisting Officer that the Complainant was allowed to ride the train but was banned from in the station, due to him harassing employees. The CTA Manager addressed the issue of an employee using a phone by asking her to put it away. He emphasized that the Complainant was neither a manager nor a CTA employee and had been considered a threat by CTA.

The Complainant subsequently left the station without further incident after interacting with the responding officers.

Actions, OPS Sergeant

Complainant's Interview: On April 18, 2023, the Office of Professional Standards interviewed the Complainant regarding his encounter with the Accused Officers and the alleged allegations. In addition, the Complainant stated that the Accused Officers cited CTA policy incorrectly and refused to call his "handler." The Complainant requested \$5000 in compensation based on the validity of his complaint and the alleged injury he sustained. The Complainant further stated he wished to file a lawsuit with the City of Evanston, which would be separate from this investigation.

The OPS Sergeant reported that she spoke with the Detectives Bureau, who informed her that they had spoken with the Complainant and told the Complainant that they would not bring forth charges against the CTA employee.

On 04/24/23, the investigation uncovered Certificates of Good Standing from the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State for two organizations, both listing the Complainant's alias name as the registered agent/owner.

On 05/01/23, the Office of Professional Standards received copies of Certificates of Good Standing from the Illinois Secretary of State for the Complainant's organizations, confirming their active status and incorporation date. The letters were addressed to the Accused Officers and contained critical comments, mentioning a video testimony, the Complainant's desire for an apology, and allegations that Accused Officer One had lied. The letter also claimed that the Complainant suffered wrist pain due to the Use of Force.

Furthermore, the Complainant left a letter that identified a Byrna pepper ball gun (member card) for educational purposes. It's important to note that Accused Officer One had authored an

incident report on 04/12/22, indicating prior contact with the Complainant at the CTA station for an unrelated matter.

On May 30, 2023, the Office of Professional Standards Notified Accused Officer One of this complaint.

On June 16, 2023, the Office of Professional Standards Notified Accused Officer Two of this complaint.

On June 27, 2023, the OPS Sergeant and the OPS Commander interviewed the Accused Officers separately regarding their recollection of this incident. Both Officers complied and were accompanied by the FOP Attorney and the Union Steward.

Accused Officer One's interview: Accused Officer One denied telling the Complainant to leave the CTA station or making false statements about his prior arrest history but did acknowledge being familiar with the Complainant's past arrests by Chicago Police. The Accused Officer said he had not previously arrested the Complainant but has written prior reports regarding the Complainant. When Accused Officer One stated "you have been arrested before for doing the same thing", he was referring to the Complainant previously being arrested for causing a disturbance with the employees in the CTA station, resulting in the police being called and his removal. Accused Officer One clarified that he had not previously filed complaints against the Complainant, only reports. Additionally, Accused Officer One stated he learned about the Complainant's company and alias' after receiving a hand written letter that was dropped off at the police station by the Complainant. Accused Officer One denied instructing Accused Officer Two to search the Complainant or inciting excessive force during the search, and he only checked the Complainant's belongings for identification. He later contacted the Complainant's "handler," Detectives that the Complainant frequently reports to for Sex Offender Registry, to confirm the Complainant's legal name. Accused Officer One stated he initially sided with CTA employees but eventually listened to the Complainant's account. Accused Officer One stated that it's not illegal for CTA employees to use their phones but wasn't familiar with CTA policy. Accused Officer One concluded that he was stern with the Complainant but believed he was not inappropriate or rude during their interaction.

Accused Officer Two's interview: Accused Officer Two reported responding to a disturbance and making contact with the Complainant. He denied instructing the Complainant to exit the CTA station before understanding the nature of his complaint.

Accused Officer Two stated he searched the Complainant because he observed a holster protruding from his waistband, which raised a safety concern. Accused Officer Two stated that the search was not influenced by Accused Officer One's statements regarding his criminal history or his businesses. Accused Officer Two maintained that he remained impartial, allowing the Complainant to share his account of events.

Accused Officer Two stated that he did not grab or twist the Complainant's wrist and did not use excessive force during their interaction. Instead, he recalled grabbing the sleeve of the Complainant's right arm. On scene the Complainant did not mention that he was experiencing pain during their encounter. Accused Officer Two first became aware of the alleged wrist injury from an anonymous letter addressed to him and left in his mailbox.

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Sergeant

After reviewing all videos, reports, memoranda, and transcripts associated with this complaint, the Patrol Sergeant stated the following:

1. The Complainant claimed that Officers immediately sided with CTA personnel, denying him the chance to explain. However, the Officers allowed him to speak until Accused Officer One, familiar with similar incidents involving the Complainant, intervened.
2. The Complainant wanted the Officers to call his "handlers," EPD Detectives, but they initially didn't understand the term, and there was no obligation to do so.
3. Accused Officer Two removed the Complainant's knife during a search, which was later inventoried for return to the Complainant.
4. Accused Officer One made some inaccurate statements on the scene, though he had knowledge of the Complainant's history with CTA staff and was unaware of his not-for-profit corporation.
5. Accused Officer One correctly mentioned the Complainant's prior arrest and complaint against another EPD Officer despite some confusion regarding the incidents.
6. The Complainant alleged that Accused Officer Two's search was unlawful due to Accused Officer One's false statements, but the search was justified based on on-site observations.
7. The Complainant claimed excessive force during the search and an aggravated preexisting injury, though he showed no signs of pain at the scene, only mentioning the injury when seeking compensation.

Based on the points provided above, the Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that the Accused Officers **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 20** or **POLICY LEXIPOL 300.3 USE OF FORCE** and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** for both officers (dated 9/19/2023)

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all videos, reports, memoranda, and transcripts with this complaint, the Patrol Commander stated he **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Sergeant and stated that the Accused Officer's actions were lawful, reasonable, and professional. The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that the Accused Officers **DID NOT VIOLATE** any **RULES 1, 2, 6, 20** or **POLICY LEXIPOL 300.3 USE OF FORCE** and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** for both officers (dated 10/06/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all videos, reports, memoranda, and transcripts associated with this complaint, the Deputy Chief stated that Accused Officer One Officer's comment about the Complainant's business not being legitimate was made in the context of the Complainant not being contracted by Chicago Transit Authority for employee audits or facility inspections. Accused Officer One recalled this information from prior knowledge to assess the Complainant's intent.

The Deputy Chief further stated that Accused Officer Two noticed a bulge near the Complainant's waist, indicating an empty holster used for handguns. Accused Officer Two conducted a search within his authorized duties and had probable cause to believe the Complainant might be violating laws and ordinances, as carrying an empty holster in a public

place is unusual. The search was non-forceful, and Accused Officer Two redirected the Complainant's hand by grabbing the sleeve of the Complainant's jacket as he attempted to reach near his waist area.

The Deputy Chief CONCURRED with the Patrol Sergeant and the Patrol Commander and FOUND that the Accused Officers **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 20, or LEXIPOL POLICY 300.3**. The Deputy Chief classified this investigation as **EXONERATED** for both Accused Officers (dated 10/06/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

During the Commission's discussion of the investigation, it was determined that not all of the findings and recommendations outlined in the investigation and summary report were deemed complete, thorough, objective, and fair.

This Complaint was initially addressed at the December 6, 2023 Commission meeting, where further review by the Department was requested. Subsequently, the Complaint file was resubmitted to the Commission without any modifications at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Upon reviewing the case file, the Commissioners expressed the opinion that the findings and recommendations detailed in the investigation and summary report lacked completeness in one particular aspect.

The written Complaint indicated that *Accused Officer Two conducted a search of the Complainant's property without verbal consent*. The investigation and report acknowledged this search but the Commissioners felt that a more detailed discussion regarding it was necessary.

The report mentioned that following the observation of an empty holster on the Complainant, an officer conducted a pat-down search and discovered a knife in the Complainant's pocket. Subsequently, the contents of the complainant's backpack, including various containers, were searched, yielding no additional weapons.

While the Commission did not express a definitive view on the justification of the search, they believed that a more comprehensive discussion of its justification, including any relevant policies such as Lexpol, was warranted.

The Commission is not calling for a complete reevaluation of the matter but rather requests the submission of a memo containing a more thorough discussion of the search for their consideration.

Taking into account the above findings and recommendations, the Commission voted during their February 7, 2024 meeting to forward this report to the Deputy Chief of Police for review.

Requested Review by Deputy Chief Two

After reviewing all videos, reports, memoranda, and transcripts associated with this complaint, Deputy Chief Two stated Accused Officer Two observed the Complainant wearing a Kydex holster in public, typically used for securing handguns, during a disturbance at a transportation facility. Given the presence of an empty holster, Accused Officer Two had probable cause to suspect the Complainant possessed a handgun, as it's not customary to wear an empty holster

in public. A reasonable officer would infer a strong likelihood of a firearm being present on the Complainant or nearby upon noticing the empty holster.

The probable cause established by Accused Officer Two permits a search without a warrant, a recognized exception to the 4th Amendment. This search encompasses bags, purses, and backpacks within immediate possession of the individual being searched, where a handgun could reasonably be concealed. Accused Officer Two conducted a thorough search of the compartments within the backpack, all of which could plausibly conceal a handgun. The search was conducted within legal bounds and aimed to minimize intrusion into the Complainant's privacy, focusing solely on areas where a handgun could reasonably be concealed.

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of **CR # 23-02**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **5-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police

The Chief of Police **FOUND** that the Accused Officers **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 20, 40 & Lexipol Policy 300.3**, and classified this investigation as **EXONERATED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 05/13/2024).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
CR 23-02

Summary of Facts:

- On March 21, 2023, EPD Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at CTA train station.
- The CTA manager expressed his desire for the Complainant to leave the station due to his disruptive behavior. Accused Officer Two sought confirmation from the Complainant that he understood what was being requested.
- The Complainant explained his prior interactions with the CTA staff.
- Accused Officer One informed the Complainant that he had dealt with the Complainant before in similar situations.
- Accused Officer One made it clear that the Complainant was not affiliated with the CTA as a manager, auditor, or employee, and he mentioned the Complainant's previous arrests for similar behavior.
- Accused Officer One directed the Complainant to leave the station and not return for the day.
- Officer Two conducted a body search of the Complainant because he observed an empty gun holster on the Complainant's right hip, which raised a safety concern. The Complainant denied carrying a weapon.
- The Complainant reached for his right side with his left hand, and Accused Officer Two stopped him by moving the Complainant's arm away from the waist.
- It was later learned that the holster was for a Byrna (pepper gun), which the Chicago Police Department had previously confiscated.
- Accused Officer Two removed and searched the Complainant's backpack.
- An assisting Officer arrived at the scene.
- Accused Officer Two found a card that provided the Complainant's alias, which indicated he was a "Chairman/President/CEO Community & Social Services" of a company.
- The Complainant was repeatedly asked for an ID, but he insisted the officers contact his "handlers"
- Accused Officer Two removed an object from the Complainant's left pant pocket and handed it to the Assisting Officer, who placed it in his pocket.
- The CTA Manager informed the Assisting Officer that the Complainant was allowed to ride the CTA but was banned from the station for harassing employees. He emphasized that the Complainant was neither a manager nor a CTA employee and had been considered a threat by CTA.
- The Complainant subsequently left the station without further incident after interacting with the responding officers.
- The Complainant's knife was inventoried and placed in the Property Bureau. The OPS Sergeant advised the Complainant where and how to retrieve it.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged the following:

- Officers quickly took the side of CTA personnel, denying him the opportunity to present his perspective.
- Officers refused to call his designated "handlers. "
- Accused Officer One made false statements about CTA policy and the legitimacy of the Complainant's organization.
- Accused Officer One stated the Complainant was arrested for similar incidents.
- Accused Officer Two conducted an unauthorized search of his person and belongings due to Accused Officer One's false statements.
- The Complainant's belongings were taken and not returned.
- Accused Officer Two used excessive force during the search, which caused injury.

Recommended Adjudications:

Accused Officer One

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, & 20** **Unfounded**
No Further Action

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules **1, 2,6, & 20** **Unfounded**
No Further Action

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules **1,2,6, & 20** **Exonerated**
No Further Action

Accused Officer Two

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 20, Lexipol 300.3** **Unfounded**
No Further Action

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 20, Lexipol 300.3** **Unfounded**
No Further Action

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 20, Lexipol 300.3** **Exonerated**
No Further Action

CPRC Vote

The Commission found shortcomings in the completeness and objectivity of the investigation and summary report. The complaint, first discussed in December 2023 and resubmitted in January 2024, raised concerns about a property search conducted without verbal consent. While the report acknowledged the search, the Commissioners believed a more thorough discussion was needed, especially regarding its justification and relevant policies. The Commission did not call for a full review but requested a memo with a detailed discussion of the search. Consequently, during their February 7, 2024 meeting, they decided to send the report to the Deputy Chief of Police for review.

Deputy Chief Two's Review

Accused Officer Two observed the Complainant wearing a empty Kydex holster, leading to probable cause for suspecting handgun possession. This justified a search without a warrant, which included the Complainant's backpack,. The search was conducted within legal bounds to minimize intrusion.

CPRC 2nd Vote

In the review of CR # 23-02, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted 5-0 to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Accused Officer One

Chief of Police Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, & 20** **Exonerated**
No Further Action

Accused Officer Two

Chief of Police Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 20, Lexipol 300.3** **Exonerated**
No Further Action

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Complaint Register

CR # 23-06

Initiated: June 07, 2023

Completed: May 13, 2024

Allegation

On June 07, 2023, the OPS Sergeant received a voicemail from the Complainant stating he wanted to file a Complaint against two Evanston Police Officers. The Complainant alleged that on June 05, 2023, he was battered by an employee at a Target store and the responding Officers did not make an arrest. The Complainant also stated he felt that the Accused Officers were indifferent and reluctant to address the situation adequately and was dissatisfied with both the officers' demeanor. The Complainant was also displeased with the incident report, stating it misrepresented the incident. The Complainant also wanted to press criminal charges against the Consumer Cellular Rep and requested to retrieve surveillance footage from Target. The Complainant requested a formal investigation on the matter. The OPS Sergeant classified this complaint as a Complaint Register.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Officers may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rule, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 6** Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of a duty or task.
- Rule 18** Disrespectful behavior, willful maltreatment or abusive language towards any person, whether a citizen or a member of the Department
- Rule 20** Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

**The Incident,
Per OPS Sergeant**

On June 05, 2023, The Accused Officers responded to a battery call at Target, where the Complainant reported being assaulted by a store employee. Accused Officer Two arrived first and activated his body-worn camera (BWC), while Accused Officer One activated his BWC upon entering the store. The Complainant recounted the incident to Accused Officer Two, detailing how the Consumer Cellular representative assaulted him by pounding her hands on his chest and shoulders. Meanwhile, Accused Officer One was informed by a Loss Prevention employee that surveillance footage of the incident was available and that the representative had left the store. Accused Officer One reviewed the footage, which confirmed the representative battered the Complainant, obtained the representative's information, and informed Accused Officer Two of the video evidence. Accused Officer Two assured the visibly upset Complainant

that a detective would follow up on the case and explained the option to press charges against the representative. While the Accused Officer exited the store, Accused Officer Two advised the Complainant on potential courses of action against the Consumer Cellular Rep and explained the follow-up process.

Actions, OPS Sergeant

On July 5, 2023, The OPS Sergeant received a voicemail from the Complainant requesting a return phone call regarding the criminal investigation.

On June 7, 2023, the OPS Sergeant spoke with the Complainant, who mentioned speaking with a Target security manager, who indicated that the Consumer Cellular Rep was still in the store when the Officers arrived. The Complainant also stated he tried to obtain a copy of the Target surveillance footage but was told it could only be given to the police. The Complainant also stated he did not hear from a Detective and wished to proceed with criminal charges against the Consumer Cellular Rep.

The OPS Sergeant located the incident report and BWC footage related to the incident. The OPS Sergeant noted that the incident in question was captured on BWC, but Target had not submitted surveillance video from the store.

The OPS Sergeant emailed the Investigations Commander to inform him of the Complainant's requests.

On June 08, 2023, the Complainant responded to the Evanston Police Station for a formal interview with the Office of Professional Standards. He reported an incident at Target on June 5, 2023, where they encountered problems with a Consumer Cellular representative. The Complainant stated the store Employee was physically and verbally aggressive. The Complainant stated that the employee used profanity and hit him on his chest and shoulders. The Complainant further explained he requested the Target staff to call the police on his behalf, but they did not. However, after his cell phone issues were resolved, the Complainant called the police for assistance. When Accused Officers arrived, the Complainant stated he felt they were indifferent and reluctant to take action by neglecting to arrest the employee who attacked him.

After the Accused Officer One reviewed the surveillance footage, he acknowledged the assault but suggested limited action could be taken since the employee had left the store. The Complainant expressed dissatisfaction with the officers' attitude and the contents of the incident report, alleging it misrepresented the incident. The Complainant felt it did not accurately reflect the events he experienced.

The OPS Sergeant explained to the Complainant that the narrative of the incident report sums up the facts of the incident. She further explained that a supplement report could be completed to add anything that is missing.

The OPS Sergeant assisted the Complainant by retrieving the incident report and BWC footage via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The OPS Sergeant also explained the complaint process, clarified details regarding the investigative process, and offered support in addressing the Complainant's concerns about the incident report's content.

Accused Officer One's Interview: On July 31, 2023, Accused Officer One served with a Notice of Investigation and subsequently met with the OPS Commander and OPS Sergeant on August 24, 2023, with an FOP Attorney present.

Accused Officer One stated he responded to the scene as a backup unit to the battery call at Target alongside Accused Officer Two; he activated his body-worn camera upon arrival and allowed the Complainant to provide his account of the incident.

Accused Officer Two denied any attempts to discourage the Complainant from pursuing charges or suggesting they contact Target or Consumer Cellular instead. Despite not being aware of the offender's presence on scene initially, Accused Officer One stated he later obtained the offender's information and reviewed surveillance video with the Loss Prevention staff, emphasizing that his actions were prompted independently of the Complainant. Accused Officer One denied making unprofessional remarks or gestures, emphasizing his commitment to professionalism, and had no recollection of prior contact with the Complainant.

Accused Officer Two's Interview: On July 31, 2023, Accused Officer Two served with a Notice of Investigation and subsequently met with the OPS Commander and OPS Sergeant on August 24, 2023, with an FOP Attorney present.

During Accused Officer Two's interview, he stated he responded to the battery call and activated his BWC upon arrival. The Complainant then provided his account of the incident in question. Accused Officer Two authored a report based on the Complainant's statement but explained that it wasn't verbatim. Accused Officer Two denied omitting details to discredit the Complainant and explained discrepancies in the incident report regarding the Complainant's behavior, such as misplacing his keys and becoming agitated. Accused Officer Two denied intentionally excluding the Consumer Cellular rep's offensive statements from the report. He asserted that he did not deter the Complainant from pursuing charges but suggested he contact Target or Consumer Cellular for internal resolution. Accused Officer Two maintained that the Detective Bureau would follow up on the investigation and the Consumer Cellular rep could be arrested later. Although the Consumer Cellular rep was not on the scene, he obtained her information and reviewed the surveillance video. Accused Officer Two emphasized his impartiality, professionalism, and lack of rudeness or unprofessional behavior towards the Complainant, stating that he remained neutral throughout the investigation and had no prior contact with the Complainant.

Surveillance Video: The OPS Sergeant reviewed the surveillance video from Target. The video showed the Consumer Cellular rep pushing the Complainant on the chest with two open hands, and no additional contact was observed.

Accused Officer One's BWC: The video showed the Complainant and a Target employee talking at the Consumer Cellular kiosk. Accused Officer One stood by as the Complainant provided Accused Officer Two with his account of the incident. Accused Officer One briefly reviewed surveillance footage provided by Target Security. The footage showed the Consumer Cellular Rep pushing the Complainant with two open hands to the chest. Accused Officer One

obtained information about the Consumer Cellular Rep from Target Security and arranged for the video's upload via email.

Upon returning to the kiosk, he updated Accused Officer Two on the situation and gave him the Consumer Cellular Rep's contact details. Accused Officer One confirmed the incident was captured on video. Accused Officer One also advised the Complainant that the Consumer Cellular Rep left the store before the Officers were on scene

Accused Officer Two's BWC: Accused Officer Two's BWC footage is consistent with Accused Officer One's BWC. The footage shows that upon arrival, the Accused Officer made contact with the Complainant as he was concluding his transaction with a Target Employee. Accused Officer Two identified himself and announced their interaction was being recorded on BWC.

The Complainant requested to review the store surveillance footage and alleged he was assaulted due to a discussion about a cellphone mix-up. The Complainant stated there was a misunderstanding regarding account PINs and birthdates with multiple phones activated. The Complainant reported he was struck twice by the Consumer Cellular Rep but stated he had no physical injuries and declined medical attention.

The Complainant continued to give details of the incident as Accused Officer Two documented the information. Accused Officer Two suggested that the Complainant address the matter with Target's corporate office.

The Complainant was dissatisfied that an immediate arrest was not made. Accused Officer Two clarified the process for pursuing charges against Consumer Cellular Rep. Accused Officer Two assured the Complainant. However, an arrest could not be made at the time because the Consumer Cellular Rep was not on the scene, and the investigation would need to be completed. Accused Officer Two stated that the Detectives Bureau would follow up with him if he wished to press charges. Accused Officer Two provided incident cards to the Complainant for reference. He apologized for any dissatisfaction the Complainant may have had with his service and clarified his role in documenting the incident.

Additionally, Accused Officer Two further suggested that the Complainant contact the Consumer Cellular Corporate office to address concerns regarding the representative. Accused Officer Two reassured the Complainant about the investigation process and the potential for pursuing charges.

On July 18, 2023, the Complainant responded to the Evanston Police Station and spoke with the Acting OPS Commander and the OPS Sergeant. Despite being unfamiliar with the language of the Illinois State Statute, the Complainant initially refused to sign the criminal complaint and insisted he was struck on the shoulders, contrary to the surveillance video showing a chest strike. After being informed that the offender had been identified and that the arrest was pending his signature on the complaint, the Complainant was repeatedly advised that the Consumer Cellular Rep would not be arrested without his cooperation. Eventually, the Complainant signed the criminal complaint.

On July 19, 2023, the OPS Sergeant learned that the Consumer Cellular Rep was arrested on July 18, 2023. The OPS Sergeant called the Complainant and provided him with the update and court date information.

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Sergeant

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this complaint, the Patrol Sergeant stated that there was no indication that the Accused Officers were indifferent and did not want to help the Complainant. The Accused Officers patiently listened to the Complainant and offered him different options to remedy the situation.

The Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that the Accused Officers **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 18, & 20**. The Patrol Sergeant classified these rules as **UNFOUNDED** and **RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 11/20/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this complaint, the Patrol Commander stated that after examining all the BWC footage, she confirmed that there were no signs of frowning or disdain on the faces of the Accused Officers. Additionally, both officers were observed to maintain a professional and respectful demeanor during their interaction with the Complainant. The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 18, & 20**. **The Patrol Commander also FOUND that Accused Officer Two DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 20**. and classified these rules as **UNFOUNDED** and **RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER ACTION**.

However, the Patrol Commander also stated that Accused Officer Two failed to activate his BWC during the incident before entering the store. Accused Officer Two's BWC wasn't activated until he was at the cell phone kiosk with the Complainant and a Target employee, who engaged in conversation. Consequently, the initial conversation was not recorded due to the buffering delay in activating the BWC. In his interview with OPS, Accused Officer Two acknowledged learning that the Consumer Cellular representative had left the store upon his arrival. It's noted that this information could have been quickly confirmed had he followed *Lexipol Policy 423.6*, which requires officers to activate their BWC when dispatched to a call or when responding to a call they initiated.

Upon reviewing Accused Officer Two's disciplinary record, it was noted that he previously received a shift-level reprimand for violating Rule 6, specifically pertaining to the BWC policy infraction. The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that Accused Officer Two **DID VIOLATE LEXIPOL POLICY 432.6 (Rule 6)**. The Patrol Commander classified this rule as **SUSTAINED** and **RECOMMENDED ORAL REPRIMAND** (dated 01/19/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this complaint, The Deputy Chief **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Commander and **FOUND** that the **Accused Officers DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 18, & 20 as it pertained to the Complainant's allegations**.

The Deputy Chief also **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Commander and **FOUND** that Accused Officer Two **DID VIOLATE RULE 1** as it pertains to the **Body Worn Camera Policy, Lexipol**

Policy 432. The Deputy Chief **RECOMMENDED** Accused Officer Two receive **ORAL REPRIMAND** (dated 01/30/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of CR # 23-06, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted 5-0 to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police

The Chief of Police **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, 18, & 20** , and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION**.

The Chief of Police **FOUND** that Accused Officer Two **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 2, 6, 18, & 20**, and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION**. However, the Chief of Police also found that Accused Officer Two did **VIOLATE RULE 1 & LEXIPOL POLICY 423** and classified these rules as **SUSTAINED**. The Chief of Police recommended Accused Officer Two receive **ORAL PRIMAND** (dated 05/13/2024).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
CR 23-06

Summary of Facts:

- On June 05, 2023, the Accused Officer responded to a Target store for a Battery call. Accused Officer Two arrived first and activated his body-worn camera (BWC) while in the store. Accused Officer One arrived as a backup and activated his BWC before entering the store.
- The Complainant reported a Consumer Cellular representative assaulted him. He stated the Consumer Cellular representative struck him on his chest and shoulders.
- A Loss Prevention employee informed Accused Officer One of available surveillance footage of the incident and the Consumer Cellular representative's departure from the store.
- Accused Officer One reviewed the footage and confirmed that the Consumer Cellular representative used two open hands to push the Complainant. He also obtained the Consumer Cellular representative's contact information.
- Accused Officer One informed Accused Officer Two of the video evidence.
- Accused Officer Two advised the Complainant that the Detective Bureau would follow up if he wanted to press charges.
- Accused Officer Two advised the Complainant on potential actions against the representative and explained the follow-up process.
- Officers exit the store after a discussion with the Complainant.
- Resolution: The Consumer Cellular representative was subsequently arrested on July 18, 2023.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged that he was indifferent and reluctant to address the situation adequately and failed to arrest his aggressor. He was dissatisfied with both officers' demeanor and displeased with the incident report, stating that it misrepresented the incident.

Recommended Adjudications:

Accused Officer One

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 18 & 20** **Not Sustained**

No Further Action

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules **1, 2, 6, 18 & 20** **Not Sustained**

No Further Action

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules	1, 2, 6, 18 & 20	Not Sustained
		No Further Action

Accused Officer Two

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules	1, 2, 6, 18 & 20	Unfounded
		No Further Action

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules	1, 2, 18 & 20	Unfounded
	Lexipol Policy 423.6/ Rule 6	Sustained
		Oral Reprimand

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules	2, 6, 18 & 20	Unfounded
	Lexipol Policy 423.6/ Rule 6	Sustained
		Oral Reprimand

CPRC Vote

In the review of CR # 23-06, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted 5-0 to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Chief of Police Recommendations

Accused Officer One

Rules	1, 2, 6, 18 & 20	Unfounded
		No Further Actions

Accused Officer Two

Rules	2, 6, 18 & 20	Unfounded
	Rule 1 & Lexipol Policy 423.6	Sustained
		Oral Reprimand

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Departmental Inquiry

DI # 23-06

Initiated: July 18, 2023

Completed: February 20, 2024

Allegation

On July 18, 2023, The OPS Commander spoke with a Complainant who reported being assaulted on July 7, 2023. The Complainant alleged that Accused Officer One was rude and racially biased during the incident. She claimed he ignored information she and her mother, who also witnessed the incident, reported. He also allowed the Suspect to leave without obtaining the Complainant's side of the story or interviewing witnesses. The Complainant also accused the Responding Officers of refusing to review cellphone footage captured by another customer/witness and failing to conduct a thorough investigation, questioning their due diligence in handling the case. The OPS Sergeant classified this complaint as a Departmental Inquiry.

If the allegations are true, Accused Officer One may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rules, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2:** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission, or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 6:** Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of a duty or task.
- Rule 18:** Disrespectful behavior, willful maltreatment, or abusive language towards any person, whether a citizen or a member of the Department
- Rule 20:** Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

If the allegations are true, Accused Officer Two may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rules, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission, or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 6** Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of a duty or task.
- Rule 20** Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

Actions, per OPS Sergeant

On July 18, 2023, the OPS Commander spoke with the Complainant, who reported being battered in the checkout line at Sam's Club on the 2400 block of Main Street. The Complainant expressed dissatisfaction that the responding officers did not arrest the alleged Suspect despite her desire to press charges. Additionally, the Complainant stated that the Detectives Bureau did not follow up on the matter.

The OPS Sergeant assured the Complainant she would investigate the matter and contact the Complainant with her findings. The OPS Sergeant located the incident report, Body Worn Camera Footage (BWC), and cellphone video footage related to the incident. After speaking with the Detectives Bureau, it was confirmed that the case was assigned to a detective for follow-up.

On July 19, 2023, the OPS Sergeant advised the Complainant that the incident was referred to a detective. The Complainant confirmed being contacted by the Detective and had a scheduled meeting with him. However, the Complainant wanted to proceed with a formal complaint against the responding officer.

The Incident, per the OPS Sergeant

The OPS Sergeant reviewed video BWC footage of the responding Officers. The incident is as follows:

On July 09, 2023, the Accused Officers responded to a disturbance at Sam's Club involving an alleged Suspect and the Complainant. Upon arrival, the Officers encountered the Suspect, who was leaving the store with her two children. Accused Officer One engaged the Suspect, who provided contact information and her account of the incident. The Suspect alleged she was assaulted by the Complainant when she came to the aid of a cashier. The suspect stated that the Complainant was being verbally abusive to the cashier.

The Suspect stated when she was attacked, she reacted in self-defense. The Suspect declined to remain on scene despite being advised to stay for the investigation. She also expressed no intent to press charges. Accused Officer One documented the Suspect's visible injuries on a body-worn camera, which included her neck, ear, and hand. Accused Officer One noted the absence of an evidence technician due to the Suspect's need to leave. The Suspect was allowed to leave the scene before the investigation was complete.

While the Accused Officer was outside, an independent witness (Witness #1) reported that the Complainant pulled the Suspect's hair first. As the OPS Sergeant noted, Officer One did not obtain official statements from Witness #1 or an additional unidentified male witness on the scene.

Simultaneously, Accused Officer Two entered the store. He engaged with the Complainant and obtained her name as well as her contact information. The Complainant told Accused Officer Two her recollection of the incident and identified herself as the victim. The Complainant also stated she wanted to press charges. The Complainant reported the Suspect interfered in a dispute she was having with a cashier, and that she was attacked by the Suspect and the Suspect's daughter. The Complainant further stated that the Suspect broke her phone by throwing it on the floor. The Complainant's mother corroborated the account. Witness #2

reported the Suspect clapping in the Complainant's face and observed the Suspect striking the Complainant, identifying the Suspect as the aggressor. Witness #3 mentioned seeing the Suspect's daughter attack the Complainant as well.

When Accused Officer One entered the store, he was advised by Accused Officer Two of his discoveries, stating the Complainant identified herself as the victim and that she acted in self-defense. Accused Officer One advised that the Suspect did not want to press charges against the Complainant.

The Complainant discovered that the Suspect was allowed to leave the scene and asked Accused Officer Two to call a supervisor. Accused Officer Two advised the Complainant that the store's surveillance video had not been reviewed then, that the Detective Bureau would follow up on the matter, and that the Suspect could be arrested later.

The Complainant was given a case number, the Accused Officers' name, and Badge numbers. The Complainant stated again she wished to have the Suspect and the Suspect's daughter arrested.

Both officers reviewed the store surveillance video. They concluded that the Complainant and the Suspect were mutual combatants. Accused Officer One explained the video's limitations to the Complainant: it lacked audio and showed only part of the individuals' bodies. Accused Officer Two informed the Complainant that detectives would follow up.

Accused Officer Two exited the store, and Witness #3 presented cellphone footage, indicating the Suspect as the aggressor.

Sam's Club surveillance video:

The OPS Sergeant stated that the overhead surveillance video at the register showed the Suspect removing the Complainant's baseball cap from her head. She then struck the Complainant with the cap on top of the head/face, which led to a physical altercation.

Video phone footage provided by Witness # 3:

Witness # 3's video footage did not clearly show the start of the fight. The video showed the aftermath of the fight.

Additional observations from the OPS Sergeant:

- Accused Officer One did not document the Complainant's summary where she identified as the victim.
- Accused Officer One did not record Witness #2 and Witness #3's accounts, which identified the Suspect as the aggressor.
- The incident report inaccurately stated that Witness #2 and Witness #3 could not determine the aggressor at that time.
- Accused Officer One documented the Cashier's report of injury, which was captured on BWC, despite her not reporting involvement in a physical altercation.
- Accused Officer One permitted the Suspect to leave the scene before conducting a thorough investigation.

- Accused Officer One did not include interviews with additional witnesses in the report and did not review all available video footage.
- Accused Officer Two failed to call a Patrol Sergeant when requested by the Complainant.

Actions, Patrol Sergeant

The Patrol Sergeant advised the Accused Officers of this complaint and directed them to submit memoranda delineating their recollection of this incident. The Officers complied.

Accused Officer One's Memorandum: Accused Officer One stated he responded to a call at Sam's Club reporting a battery in progress. The Suspect, involved in a verbal altercation, reported she defended a cashier, leading to a physical fight with the Complainant, which was supported by Witness #3. Accused Officer One also stated that the surveillance footage was inconclusive and that the Cashier and the store manager did not witness the altercation. The Suspect was unwilling to press charges but displayed injuries. The Complainant wanted to press charges but became upset when the Suspect was released. Accused Officer One concluded they lacked sufficient evidence for arrests due to conflicting stories and unclear surveillance; they documented the incident for follow-up with the Detectives Bureau (dated 11/11/2023).

Accused Officer Two's Memorandum: Accused Officer Two stated he and Accused Officer One responded to a battery call. While Accused Officer One spoke to the Suspect, Accused Officer Two stated he interviewed the Complainant. Accused Officer Two stated he explained to the Complainant that the Suspect had left but assured her that Accused Officer One obtained all information. The Complainant, upset, inadvertently requested a Sergeant and expressed dissatisfaction with police service. Accused Officer Two claimed not to have heard the request due to his attention being directed elsewhere. Accused Officer Two concluded his memo by stating he aimed to give the Complainant room to vent and promised to address supervisor requests promptly in the future (dated 11/11/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Sergeant

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID NOT VIOLATE RULE 18** and classified this rule as **UNFOUNDED**. The Patrol Sergeant stated that Accused Officer One maintained professionalism and used no disrespectful language.

However, the Patrol Sergeant also **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID VIOLATE**

RULES 1, 2, 6, & 20 and classified these rules as **SUSTAINED**. The Patrol Sergeant concluded that Accused Officer One allowed the Suspect to leave before a thorough investigation was completed, made inappropriate promises to the Suspect, and failed to document the Complainant's side of the story, including the reported series of events.

The Patrol Sergeant **RECOMMENDED** Accused Officer One receive a **WRITTEN REPRIMAND** for failing to do his due diligence as an initial investigator and documenting this incident accurately in his investigation.

As for Accused Officer Two, the Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that he **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, & 6** and classified these rules as **UNFOUNDED**. The Patrol Sergeant stated that Accused Officer Two handled his interactions professionally and demonstrated patience with the Complainant, who was upset.

However, the Patrol Sergeant stated that Accused Officer Two failed to call a Sergeant to the scene upon request of the Complainant. The Patrol Sergeant also **FOUND** that Accused Officer Two **DID VIOLATE RULE 20** and classified this rule as **SUSTAINED** and **RECOMMENDED SHIFT LEVEL REPRIMAND** (dated 11/07/2023)

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Patrol Commander stated that both Officers conducted themselves respectfully and maintained a professional demeanor despite the Complainant's treatment of them. The Patrol Commander further stated that the investigation had some complexities with conflicting or incomplete accounts. The Accused Officers spent an hour interviewing parties and reviewing videos.

However, Accused Officer One's actions did constitute rule and policy violations:

- Accused Officer One should not have released the Suspect that early in the investigation; being the investigation was not complete,
- he should not have presumably assured the Suspect that she would not be arrested and
- he did not sufficiently document the Complainant's accounts in his incident report.

In addition, the Patrol Commander stated that due to Accused Officer One not completing a thorough investigation, he violated the following rule:

Lexipol Policy 600.2: It is the policy of the Evanston Police Department to investigate crimes thoroughly and with due diligence and to evaluate and prepare criminal cases for appropriate clearance or submission to a prosecutor.

The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 18 & 20** and classified Rule Violations as **UNFOUNDED**. However, the Patrol Commander also **FOUND** that Accused Officer One **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, & EPD POLICY 600.2.** and **RECOMMENDED** Accused Officer One receive **WRITTEN REPRIMAND**.

Furthermore, the Patrol Commander **FOUND** that Accused Officer Two **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6, & 20** and classified them as **UNFOUNDED** with no further action. The Patrol Commander stated that In Accused Officer Two's memo, he acknowledged that he did not hear the Complainant's request, which the Patrol Commander deemed as understandably reasonable (dated 11/13/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Deputy Chief **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Commander's findings. The Deputy Chief stated he agreed with the Patrol Commander's recommendation of a **SUSTAINED** violation for Accused Officer One. However, he also found Accused Officer Two to be equally accountable.

Accused Officer One erred by allowing a party involved in the battery to leave without a thorough investigation. Although Accused Officer Two was not the reporting officer, he failed to include crucial details from the Complainant's statement in the report and shared responsibility for the investigation.

The Deputy Chief **FOUND** the Accused Officers **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6**, as well as **EPD POLICY 600.2** and classified them as **SUSTAINED**. The Deputy Chief recommended the Accused Officers receive a **WRITTEN REPRIMAND**. The Deputy Chief classified **RULES 18 & 20** as **UNFOUNDED** (dated 11/16/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of **DI # 23-06**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **6-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police

The Chief of Police Chief **FOUND** the Accused Officers **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 6**, as well as **LEXIPOL POLICY 600.2** and classified them as **SUSTAINED**. The Deputy Chief recommended the Accused Officers receive a **WRITTEN REPRIMAND**. The Deputy Chief classified **RULES 18 & 20** as **UNFOUNDED** (dated 02/20/2024).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
DI 23-06

Summary of Facts:

- On July 07, 2023, Officers responded to a disturbance call on the 2400 block of Main Street.
- The Officers investigated the incident and no arrests were made at that time.
- One of the involved parties was released from the scene before the investigation was completed but was later charged by the Detective Bureau.
- The OPS investigation of this incident revealed that the officers failed to perform necessary investigative due diligence and failed to have a supervisor respond to the scene as requested by the Complainant.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged that Accused Officer One was rude and racially biased during the incident. She claimed he ignored information she and her mother, who also witnessed the incident, reported. He also allowed the Suspect to leave without obtaining her side of the story or interviewing witnesses. The Complainant also accused the Responding Officers of refusing to review cellphone footage captured by another customer/witness and failing to conduct a thorough investigation, questioning their due diligence in handling the case.

Recommended Adjudications:

Accused Officer One:

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules	18	Unfounded
	1, 2, 6, & 20	Sustained
		Written Reprimand

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules	18 & 20	Unfounded
	1, 2, 6, & EPD Policy 600.2	Sustained
		Written Reprimand

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules	18 & 20	Unfounded
	1, 2, 6, & EPD Policy 600.2	Sustained
		Written Reprimand

Accused Officer Two:

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

Rules	1, 2, & 6	Unfounded
	20	Sustained
		Shift Level Reprimand

Patrol Commander Recommendations

Rules	1, 2, 6, & 20	Unfounded
		No Further Action

Deputy Chief Recommendations

Rules	18 & 20	Unfounded
	1,2, 6, & EPD Policy 600.2	Sustained
		Written Reprimand

CPRC Vote In the review of **DI # 23-06**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **6-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Chief of Police

Accused Officer One & Accused Officer Two

	18 & 20	Unfounded
	1,2, 6, & EPD Policy 600.2	Sustained
		Written Reprimand

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Departmental Inquiry

DI # 23-14

Initiated: October 17, 2023

Completed: June 11, 2024

Allegation

On October 17, 2023, the OPS Sergeant spoke with the Complainant via telephone. The Complainant reported an incident on October 12, 2023, where an Evanston Police Officer stopped her. The Complainant alleged that the Officer initiated a traffic stop because she was black; he didn't address the minor traffic violation with a warning. The Complainant further asserted that the Officer excessively used police lights, as if she were a bank robber, and exhibited extreme aggression during the encounter. The Complainant stated that the Officer referred to her as "Sir" and commented on her residency in the community, implying she did not belong. Additionally, she reported that the Officer made a flip statement during the interaction. The OPS Sergeant classified this complaint as a Departmental Inquiry.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Traffic Officer may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rules, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission, or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 18** Disrespectful behavior, willful maltreatment or abusive language towards any person, whether a citizen or a member of the Department.
- Rule 74** Subject any person or group, or allow any person or group to be subjected, to any form of harassment, discrimination, prejudice or bias on the basis of race, ethnic background, sex, age, religion or any other personal characteristic, belief, or affiliation.

The Incident, per OPS Sergeant

The Accused Traffic Officer's body-worn camera (BWC) footage shows him stationed at a stop sign on Lake and Elmwood. He observed a black vehicle traveling east on Lake that failed to stop completely at the stop sign. The Accused Traffic Officer activated his emergency equipment and pulled over the vehicle east of Elmwood.

The Accused Traffic Officer approached the driver, the Complainant; he initially addressed her as "sir" before correcting to "ma'am." He identifies himself and asks if she's headed to work due to the stop sign violation. The Complainant explained that she was running late for her Illinois Real Estate Broker's exam and apologized. The Accused Traffic Officer asked the Complainant for her driver's license and stated, "Oh, you live in our town...". While the Accused Traffic Officer

returned to his squad car, he mentioned prior complaints of stop sign violations, and he was assigned to the location where he observed the Complainant commit a stop sign violation.

The Complainant was issued a citation for disobeying the stop sign. The Accused Traffic Officer explained the violation and advised that it was captured on the squad car dash camera. The Complainant stated she had seen others violating the same stop while the Accused Traffic Officer was writing the ticket in his squad car. The Accused Traffic Officer questioned if she could see those violations clearly from 150 feet away with his squad car behind her. The Accused Traffic Officer stated, "That's amazing."

The Complainant then advised that the Accused Traffic Officer came barreling towards her, and she thought, "Oh my God, what did I do?" The Accused Traffic Officer asked if the Complainant had any additional questions, of which she did not. The Accused Traffic Officer concluded the traffic stop.

Actions per OPS Sergeant

On October 26, 2023, the Complainant met with the OPS Sergeant and Commander at the Office of Professional Standards. The Complainant watched the Accused Traffic Officer's BWC footage during the interview. She alleged that the officer targeted black females, citing an incident she witnessed where a black female driver was crying during a traffic stop at Chicago and Kedzie, which she recorded. The OPS Sergeant requested the Complainant share the cell phone video footage via Evidence.com.

The OPS Commander located the traffic stop previously mentioned by the Complainant and found that the Accused Traffic Officer initiated a traffic stop with a driver with a suspended license for driving southbound in the northbound lane. The driver received citations and was released on scene. The Complainant expressed her belief that the Accused Traffic Officer targeted minorities. The Complainant reviewed, edited, and confirmed her online Police Employee Complaint submitted on October 25, 2023, concluding the meeting.

On October 26, 2023, the OPS Sergeant emailed the Complainant a hyperlink to the NextRequest website, which provided access to review the BWC of the traffic stop. Additionally, the OPS Sergeant provided a link via Evidence.com for the Complainant to upload cell phone video footage she stated she captured of another incident, where she claimed the Accused Traffic Officer harassed another black woman during a traffic stop.

On October 31, 2023, the Records Coordinator furnished a report detailing the demographic breakdown of drivers stopped and citations issued by the Accused Traffic Officer since January 1, 2023. Contrary to the Complainant's racial bias allegations, the report did not support her statements.

Furthermore, the OPS Sergeant discovered that on October 12, 2023, the Accused Traffic Officer issued three citations for stop sign violations at Lake and Elmwood. Citations were issued to a white male, a white female, and the Complainant (a black female).

Actions, Traffic Commander

The Traffic Commander advised the Accused Traffic Officer of this complaint and directed him to submit a memorandum delineating his recollection of this incident. The Accused Traffic Officer complied.

Accused Traffic Officer's Memorandum: The Accused Traffic Officer stated that on October 12, 2023, he was assigned to monitor for stop sign violations at the intersection of Lake St and Elmwood Ave. While parked on Elmwood Ave, he observed a black Hyundai Sonata traveling eastbound on Lake St and disregarded the stop sign. The Accused Traffic Officer stated he activated his emergency equipment on his unmarked squad and pulled over the vehicle. He introduced himself, informed the motorist of the violation, and mentioned that his BWC was recording. The motorist stated she was running late for an exam, apologized, and then provided her driver's license and proof of insurance. The Accused Traffic Officer stated he returned to his squad, notified the dispatch of the stop, and issued a citation for the stop sign violation. After returning the Complainant's documents and serving the ticket with a court diversion envelope, he stated he reviewed the instructions and options on the envelope with the Complainant. The driver commented that she observed others committing the same violation while the Accused Traffic Officer was behind her in the squad car, stating it was common. The Complainant had no further questions and was released from the stop (dated 03/20/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all data, reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this complaint, the Patrol Sergeant stated the Accused Traffic Officer's actions during a traffic stop were lawful and in accordance with department rules. The Accused Traffic Officer's BWC footage supports the validity of his decisions. Although he misidentified the Complainant's gender, he treated her respectfully, and it was deemed a simple mistake. His use of emergency equipment and approach to her vehicle followed policy and were not aggressive. Despite the Complainant's feelings, the stop was conducted within policy and without racial bias. The Accused Traffic Officer's discretion to make enforcement decisions based on an observed violation is lawful, and a prior incident witnessed by the Complainant was resolved without incident and within the bounds of the law.

The Patrol Commander **FOUND** that the Accused Traffic Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 74** and classified them as **EXONERATED**. The Patrol Sergeant recommended **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 03/25/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all data, reports, memoranda, and videos associated with this complaint, The Deputy Chief **CONCURRED** with the Traffic Commander, stating that there was no evidence offered by the Complainant nor discovered in the investigation that the Complainant had been stopped for any reason other than the traffic violation she admitted to committing. The Deputy Chief **FOUND** that the Accused Traffic Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 74** and classified them as **EXONERATED**. The Deputy Chief recommended the **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 03/28/2024).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of **DI # 23-14**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **5-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police

The Chief of Police **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 74**, and classified this investigation as **UNFOUNDED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION** (dated 06/11/2024).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
DI 23-14

Summary of Facts:

- On October 12, 2023, the Accused Traffic Officer was stationed at a stop sign intersection on Lake and Elmwood.
- Body-worn camera (BWC) footage confirmed a black vehicle failing to come to a complete stop at the intersection while traveling east on Lake.
- The Accused Traffic Officer activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop.
- Initially, The Accused Traffic Officer addressed the driver as "sir." Then, he promptly corrected himself to "ma'am." He introduced himself and inquired if the Complainant was headed to work due to the observed stop sign violation.
- The Complainant explained she was running late for her Illinois Real Estate Broker's exam and apologized for the infraction.
- The Accused Traffic Officer requested the Complainant's driver's license and remarked, "Oh, you live in our town. You live on...".
- Subsequently, the Complainant was issued a citation for disobeying the stop sign. The Accused Traffic Officer informed the Complainant that the violation had been recorded on the squad car dash camera.
- The Complainant mentioned witnessing others violating the same stop sign as he was in his squad car writing the tickets.
- The Accused Traffic Officer questioned the clarity of her observation from 150 feet away with his squad car positioned behind her and stated, "That's amazing."
- The Complainant expressed she was alarmed when the Accused Traffic Officer approached her vehicle, fearing the reason for the stop.
- The Accused Traffic Officer inquired if the Complainant had any additional questions, to which she responded that she did not.
- The Accused Traffic Officer concluded the traffic stop.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged that an Evanston Police Officer stopped her primarily because of her race rather than addressing a minor traffic violation with a warning. She claimed that the officer used police lights excessively, displaying aggression as though she were a bank robber. Furthermore, she stated that the officer referred to her as "Sir," commented on her residency in the community, implying she did not belong, and made a flip statement during the interaction.

DISPOSITIONS

- Unfounded** - Allegations false; no creditable evidence to support them
- Withdrawn** - Complainant withdrew complaint
- Not Sustained** - Insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations
- Exonerated** - Incident occurred, but was lawful or proper
- Policy Failure** - Allegation true, but the officer acted in conformance with policy resulting in harm to the complainant
- Not City Related** - Outside the jurisdiction of the City
- Sustained** - Allegations supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion of guilt
- SOL (Unresolved)** - The complainant failed to cooperate further

LETTERS

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INFORMATION

In Loving Memory



CHIEF WILLIAM H. LOGAN JR.

Chief of Police 1984-1987

A message from Chief Schenita Stewart:

It is with profound sadness that we commemorate the passing of former Evanston Police Chief William H. Logan Jr. Chief Logan, the inaugural Black Chief of Police in Evanston, leaves behind a lasting legacy of pioneering leadership.

Chief Logan devoted his life to public service, showcasing unwavering dedication, integrity, and exemplary leadership throughout his distinguished career. A trailblazer who shattered barriers and paved the way for many, his impact resonates to this day.

During Chief Logan's tenure, the Evanston Police Department made significant advancements in community policing and fostering trust within the community. His forward-thinking approach and commitment to nurturing positive relationships continue to influence our daily operations. As a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Chief Logan spearheaded groundbreaking efforts to promote equity in law enforcement, a mission that endures.

Following his retirement from the police force, Chief Logan continued his influential role as the security head at Evanston Township High School (ETHS). Here, he continued to positively influence lives by mentoring students and ensuring a safe learning environment.

Beyond his professional achievements, Chief Logan's impact transcended his duties. As a mentor, friend, family member, and source of inspiration to many in Evanston's 5th Ward, his legacy within our community and the police department is immeasurable. As a co-founder of the Fellowship of African American Men (F.A.A.M.), Chief Logan exemplified the essence of building connections and leaving a lasting legacy. Community was not merely a concept to him; it was a way of life. His absence will be keenly felt by all those privileged to have known him.

While we grieve the loss of Chief Logan, we simultaneously honor his extraordinary life and enduring legacy. Our condolences and thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those who have been touched by his leadership and compassion.

Chief Schenita Stewart



Thank You for your Service

AUGUST 2024

Evanston Police



Kudos

Comments & letters from the public and
fellow Police Departments

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIZED CALLS, TEXTS, AND EMAILS TO THE EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE NOTES WERE EDITED FOR CLARITY, ANONYMITY, AND/OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS - JEL

AUGUST 2024



Mayor
Robert J. Lovero

BERWYN POLICE DEPARTMENT
"Serving with Pride"



Chief of Police
Michael D. Cimaglia

April 05, 2024

Chief of Police: Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Ave
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Chief of Police:

On behalf of myself and the members of the Berwyn Police Department, I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Dan Rosenbaum, who as member(s) of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Emergency Services Team (EST) assisted the Berwyn Police Department with the execution of a high risk search warrant for drugs and guns.

On Friday March 29, 2024, the Berwyn Police Department requested assistance from the NIPAS Emergency Services Team for the execution of a high risk search warrant for drugs and firearms at 3111 S. Ridgeland Avenue. The suspect, a convicted felon on electronic monitoring, was allegedly in possession of several firearms and narcotics.

The response of the NIPAS Emergency Services Team was organized and professional. The offender was subsequently apprehended and the warrant served by the NIPAS Emergency Services Team. The assistance provided by the NIPAS Emergency Services Team resulted in no citizens, officers or the offender being injured, approximately ¾ of a kilogram on cocaine and a firearm were recovered, and the offender has been criminally charged.

Please extend my sincere thanks to your officer(s) for an exceptional performance.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Cimaglia
Chief of Police

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April 18, 2024

Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Ave
Evanston, IL 60201

Chief Stewart:

I am writing to thank you for the assistance rendered by Officer Leontiev when the Hanover Park Police Department needed assistance with a Hostage/Barricaded subject incident on 01/16/2024.

During the assignment, Ofc. Leontiev responded as a member of NIPAS and assisted in bringing this incident to a peaceful resolution with an arrest of the suspect without incident. Please extend my personal appreciation to Officer Leontiev for the assistance provided during this assignment.

Sincerely,

Andrew Johnson
Chief of Police

America's Global Village

AUGUST 2024



**OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
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May 3, 2024

Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Avenue
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Chief Stewart:

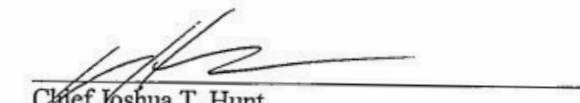
I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to the officers assigned to your Police Department who played a vital role in the apprehension of victim/witness, [REDACTED] on April 10, 2024.

The professionalism and dedication of your officers were instrumental in the successful outcome of this case. Their swift response in aiding the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Investigators was critical. Their willingness to assist in the apprehension and processing of Wall ensured he was brought to court, where thanks to Wall's testimony as a victim/witness, lead to conviction and sentencing of defendant.

I would like to specifically commend Officer Cristopher Moore, Sergeant Richard Shanas, Commander James Pillars and Detectives Michael Kane, Nana Griffith, Cesar Galindo, Julie Triggs-Redmond and Pedro Carrasco. These assigned officers were professional and respectful, not only in their interaction with CCSAO Investigators, but also in their treatment of witness/victim Wall.

The collaboration between the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Evanston Police Department is essential. The officers involved in the case exemplify the positive impact that strong partnerships can have. Thank you again for your Police Department's invaluable service.

Respectfully,


Chief Joshua T. Hunt
Investigations Bureau

AUGUST 2024



LINCOLNWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

(847) 673-2167

Jason S. Parrott
Chief of Police

May 8, 2024

Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-4360

Dear Chief Stewart,

I wanted to take the time to compliment and extend my appreciation to Officer Dan Keeler #20 for playing an integral part during our department's investigation of a fatal crash involving a single vehicle. The crash occurred at the Barclay Place, 4545 Touhy Avenue on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at approximately 5:35 p.m. The crash scene required some extraordinary processing due to the crash taking place within the underground parking garage. Each officer of the NORTAF Major Crash Assistance Team should be commended for their expertise during this investigation.

The driver was a 75-year-old resident of the building who was transported to St. Francis Hospital in cardiac arrest and later succumbed to her injuries. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Please accept this letter as a formal thank you for your officer's exceptional dedication and service in this investigation, and for representing your department and the Major Crash Assistance Team, with professionalism and empathy during this tragic incident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Parrott", is written over a horizontal line.

Jay Parrott, Chief of Police

Integrity - Duty - Community

AUGUST 2024



City of Highland Park

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Police Department

May 10, 2024

Chief of Police- Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1455 Elmwood Ave
Evanston, IL 60202

Dear Chief Stewart,

On Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at approximately 10:42 PM Highland Park Officers responded to a hysterical 911 caller reporting her sister was struck in the face by her boyfriend at 1552 McDaniels Ave. Officers met with the victim who showed significant injury to her face. She reported the male offender to still be in the residence, intoxicated on an unknown drug, highly agitated and armed with a machete. It was determined that the subject had an extraditable Lake County warrant with an armed and dangerous, gang affiliated add-on. Officers setup a perimeter to contain the volatile subject until relieved by NIPAS EST units.

Officer Leontiev responded to the scene as a member of NIPAS and was instrumental in containing the subject and resolving the incident peacefully with no injuries. With Officer Leontiev's assistance we were able to quickly determine that there were no other parties outstanding and clear the scene with one suspect in custody. The suspect was charged with felony domestic battery and taken to first appearance court.

We thank the Evanston Police Department and Officer Leontiev for their assistance.

Lou Jogmen
Chief of Police



AUGUST 2024



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May 10, 2024

Chief of Police- Schenita Stewart
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Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Chief Stewart,

On Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at approximately 10:42 PM Highland Park Officers responded to a hysterical 911 caller reporting her sister was struck in the face by her boyfriend at 1552 McDaniels Ave. Officers met with the victim who showed significant injury to her face. She reported the male offender to still be in the residence, intoxicated on an unknown drug, highly agitated and armed with a machete. It was determined that the subject had an extraditable Lake County warrant with an armed and dangerous, gang affiliated add-on. Officers setup a perimeter to contain the volatile subject until relieved by NIPAS EST units.

Officer Rosenbaum responded to the scene as a member of NIPAS and was instrumental in containing the subject and resolving the incident peacefully with no injuries. With Officer Rosenbaum's assistance we were able to quickly determine that there were no other parties outstanding and clear the scene with one suspect in custody. The suspect was charged with felony domestic battery and taken to first appearance court.

We thank the Evanston Police Department and Officer Rosenbaum for their assistance.

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Lou Jogmen
Chief of Police



AUGUST 2024



The Village of •
Glenview



May 21, 2024

Evanston Police Department
Chief Schenita Stewart
1454 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Chief Stewart:

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the invaluable assistance and support provided by members of your department during a horrific fatal incident.

- Sgt. Dan Keeler
- Sgt. Rich Tyson
- Officer Jana Cram
- Det. Manuel Vasquez

As you know, on May 12, 2024 @ 2308 hours, the Glenview Police Department responded to a two-vehicle crash in the 1200 block of E. Lake Avenue. The driver of one of the vehicles, Marko Niketic, 17, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Glenview Fire Department transported two individuals to Lutheran General Hospital and one to Evanston Hospital. The second driver was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries and the passengers of both vehicles were in critical condition.

Because of the severity of the incident, E. Lake Avenue had to be shut down in both directions from Wagner Road to Waukegan Road. And protecting the scene by safely positioning emergency vehicles was at the utmost of importance.

The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by your officers are commendable. The collaborative efforts from everyone during this tragic incident is priceless and will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the Glenview Police Department, I would like to thank you and the members of your department for their invaluable assistance. The cooperation between our agencies exemplifies the strength and commitment we share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fitzpatrick".

William T. Fitzpatrick
Chief of Police
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May 23, 2024

Schenita Stewart
Chief of Police
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Chief Stewart,

On May 8th, 20224, the United States Secret Service Vice Presidential Protective Detail contacted the Glencoe Public Safety Department to inform the Village that Vice President Kamala Harris was planning on attending a private event on the North Shore. Though details were limited at that time, the USSS expressed the hopes of providing for an operational plan akin to a Presidential Visit. This would include the closing of expressways, all surface routes, and the control of an entire neighborhood. Without a definitive site in the Village, GPS personnel attempted to formulate a safety plan to meet the needs of the VPOTUS.

On May 12th, 2024, the location was confirmed, allowing for specific logistical factors to be determined. In all, over 100 positions had been identified to include the route posts, hard closures, staging locations, safe-houses, tactical support, command and control, communications, technology, and designated protest areas. As no sitting POTUS or VPOTUS had visited the Village in over two decades, the endeavor was recognized as a substantial lift necessitating personnel from numerous agencies. Both an Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) support requests were communicated throughout the region. The response was overwhelming.

On May 16th, 2024, Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris landed at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago and made her way to Glencoe. In all, well over 250 local, state, and federal law enforcement professionals, joined by numerous Public Works staff, helped ensure the event was executed without incident. Through the combined hard work, professionalism, and ability to work as a team, the Vice President was escorted to each location without incident. Because of that combined effort, a small Village on the North Shore was able to stand out on the national stage.

This operation could not have been accomplished without that significant contribution provided by your personnel. In such, I offer you my most sincere thanks for your support and would like to extend my appreciation to NIPAS member Officer Dan Rosenbaum. Please consider adding this letter to the employee's commendation file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Loughran".

Sean Loughran, Director
Glencoe Public Safety

AUGUST 2024



WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

KYLE MURPHY, CHIEF OF POLICE

May 30, 2024

Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Chief Stewart,

Please extend my thanks to Officer Random Johnson and Aston for their participation at our Open House on May 5th.

Officer Johnson's demonstration with Aston is always among the most popular attractions. Officer Johnson's vast knowledge of Police K-9 handling was incredibly informative for our attendees. I hope that they will be able to join us again next year.

The Wilmette Police Open House has always been an important and popular event within the community. Your continued support and effort mean a lot to us at Wilmette PD. Your presence and contribution significantly enhanced the experience for our community members and helped make the event a resounding success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kyle Murphy, Chief of Police

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
Subject: Beekeeper License Review
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee review an objection against a potential beekeeper's application to operate a bee apiary at 1817 Asbury Avenue, Evanston. The authority to deny or grant a beekeeper's license when there is an objection rests with the Human Services Committee.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The staff of the Health and Human Services Department received an email objecting to a license of an applicant interested in bee operations at 1817 Asbury Ave. The individual objecting to the license is an adjacent neighbor. Per the Ordinance, upon receipt of notice from the beekeeper, any adjacent property owner may file a written objection to the applicant's license application. In order to object to the applicant's license application, the adjacent property owner must file, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, a written objection with the Director of the Health and Human Services Department. The objection meets the requirement of the Ordinance as it was received within 30 days of receiving the notice to the adjacent neighbor.

The reasons for the objection are the potential of being stung by bees and the fact that the residential area is tightly populated. The adjacent neighbor experienced being stung on the eyelid before, resulting in a bad reaction. The resident objecting lives directly north of the proposed apiary, which has only a driveway separating both properties. The neighbor who is objecting stated that she spends a great deal of time on the porch for entertainment and dining.

The city currently has over 15 bee apiaries in various locations, including areas that are considered to be densely populated. This is the second objection to the issuance of a beekeeper's license in nearly ten years in Evanston. Beekeepers are knowledgeable about how to operate bee apiaries, resulting in no adverse conditions and no complaints in the

neighborhoods where they are located. In over eight years, there have been no bee complaints from nearby residents. The only exception is this current one and an objection that was received in 2023.

The Department is tasked to inspect the apiaries annually to ensure they comply with the stipulations of the Code. The State also has its inspection structure and schedule for bee apiaries. The adjacent property owner and the beekeeper have been provided notice of this meeting.

Attachments:


[1817 Asbury Beekeeping License Application](#)

Beekeeping License Application

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Date *	Monday, April 29, 2024
Name *	Andrew Alexander
Address *	 1817 Asbury Ave Evanston, IL 60201 United States
Phone Number *	(773) 991-2348
Email *	drewalexander@hotmail.com
Number of colonies/hives at the apiary address *	1
Ward number where apiary is located *	2
Illinois Department of Agriculture Registration Number *	15082


Registration Document

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REQUIRED FOR NEW LICENSE APPLICANTS
[Intent to Keep Bees](#)

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Upload a site plan drawing showing the intended location of your apiary(s).

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
APIARY INSPECTION SECTION**

This is to certify that, on this date:

March 28, 2024

Andrew Alexander
1817 Asbury Ave
Evanston, IL 60201

has met the requirements of Section 20/2(a) in Chapter 510 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, *Bees and Apiaries Act*, relating to the registration of apiaries, and has been issued **Registration Number 15082** which will be the owner's designation from this day forward.

This certificate is not transferable, will remain in effect until revoked by the Department, and must be renewed each year in November through the listing of existing apiaries.



Apiary Inspection Supervisor

INTENT TO KEEP BEES
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION FORM

"Adjacent Property Owner" - All persons or entities that own real property that share a property line(s) with the beekeeping applicant's property. Municipalities and/or utilities are not considered adjacent property owners.

Please Note: Upon receipt of notice from the applicant, any adjacent property owner may file a written objection to the applicant's license application. In order to object, the adjacent property owner must file, within 30 days' receipt of notice, a written objection with the Director of the Health and Human Services Department. The authority to rule on an objection to a license application rests with the City's Human Services Committee. Refer to City Ordinance 36-0-16 for details.

EVANSTON STREET ADDRESS OF APRIARY

In compliance with Title 9, Chapter 4, Chapters 19 and 20, Beekeeping

"Prior to license being granted to an applicant, the applicant must submit written proof of notice to all adjacent property owners"

BY SIGNING THIS NOTICE, I AM CONFIRMING THAT I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF MY NEIGHBOR'S INTENT TO KEEP BEES

Kay Muller *K. Muller - only notified not approved*

Print Name/Address/Signature 1825 Asbury Avenue Evanston IL 60201

Print Name/Address/Signature

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In the event that a signature cannot be obtained, please submit a receipt from the USPS of the Certified Letter sent to the owner of the adjacent property along with this form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the Department of Health & Human Services 847-866-2947 or email egolden@cityofevanston.org.

Make additional copies of this form as needed.

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1821 Asbury Ave, Evanston IL 60201
Print Name/Address/Signature

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Make additional copies of this form as needed.



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
CC: Indira Perkins, Human Services Manager, HHS
Subject: General Assistance (GA) Update
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the Human Services Committee accept and place the 2024 General Assistance annual report on file.

CARP:

Vulnerable Populations

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) continues implementing programs that strive to meet community needs that expand beyond traditional services. The department's foundation is based on health promotion, poor health outcome prevention, and remediation of problems that prevent community members from reaching an overall better quality of life.

Achieving desired health outcomes involves working within various systems and processes that provide access to housing, assistance with government benefits/subsidies, mortgage/rental assistance, food assistance, clothing, and utility assistance, including social service referrals. In order to provide effective, specific, and appropriate services, staff members have to navigate complex human dynamics and systems, including working with external agencies for better outcomes. Staff members continue to evaluate programs to ensure efficiency and meet the needs of residents seeking assistance, thereby alleviating circumstances threatening basic life necessities.

Below are a number of significant activities/programs that the GA has undertaken since the last Human Service Committee update.

- **The Guaranteed Income Program:** The first round of the Guaranteed Income program was executed successfully by the GA and the City Manager's Office. The first program ended in November 2023 and provided 150 households with direct financial assistance, addressing economic insecurity for eligible residents. The City Council approved the program's second installment, which began in the summer of 2024. Again, the program is being administered by HHS staff and the CMO's office and focuses on 150 eligible, low-income families with a child/children in the household.
- **General Assistance provided:** Since the last update, staff have been able to stabilize housing through various assistance programs for over 140 Evanston households. This is an increase from last year, with slightly more than 105 eligible Evanston households housed. Other forms of assistance rendered were for clothing, food, transportation, and wraparound services. In 2024, \$374,331 has been expended across all assistance programs. Staff members have responded to a series of emergency assistance situations and provided relief and support to Evanston residents, ranging from evictions, assaults, and property fire outbreaks to property condemnations.
- **Job Search and Transitioning from GA:** Staff in the GA Office have continued to work together to develop a system to assist with transitioning eligible GA participants to becoming employment-ready and self-sufficient. The process continues to involve dialogue amongst eligible participants and identifying participants within the program who are eligible for transition and capable of succeeding in the labor market. The process may involve a level of training or the acquisition of specific certificates in certain fields to get the participants job-ready. Staff also provides referrals for GED/ABE classes as well as continuing education/training programs. Staff also provides resources and leads for continued job search and follow-up on service referrals for the participants.
- **The Work Number:** This system continues to be incorporated into programming in order to verify the latest employment and income information of applicants. The system continues to help expedite benefit eligibility determinations in order to better serve individuals and families seeking assistance. It continues to minimize the need to request additional information from applicants since the pieces of information needed typically exist in the system.

Next Steps:

- **Creating a network and catalog of landlords willing to rent to low-income residents:** The availability and affordability of housing continue to be a significant pressing need in the community. Staff members continue to encounter that housing navigation and finding willing landlords to rent to low-income residents or residents experiencing hardships continue to be challenging. During a number of scenarios and complex situations, staff works creatively with a number of landlords who are sympathetic to the plight of Evanston residents on the verge of being homeless or already homeless. Staff will continue seeking ways to network and create referral systems for landlords willing to rent to low-income residents.
- **Expanding social service networks:** With the expansion of social services programs such as the refugee assistance program and other assistance programs, it is imperative to continue to ensure that staff are knowledgeable about all elements and intricacies surrounding effective

programming, including having ample knowledge of the types of services rendered by other organizations. Staff have performed exceptionally by connecting residents to appropriate services and making referrals, but with the ever-changing and recent developments, including the new perspective of social services, it is important to continue to be situationally aware.



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
CC: Perry Kubala, Animal Warden, Police Department
Subject: Ordinance 70-O-24, Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City Code Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Councilmember Reid recommends the Human Services Committee approve Ordinance 70-O-24, Title 5, Chapter 3, Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4, Dogs, Cats, Animals, and Fowl, creating a section in the municipal code for ending breed restrictions for residential properties and vaccination requirements for dogs respectively.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

Councilmember Reid proposes to create a section in the municipal ordinance to allow or disallow dogs based solely on weight but debar restrictions based on specific dog breeds by property owners. The Humane Society of the United States offers that there is no evidence that breed-specific laws or perceived breeds reduce attacks on people but that resources should be channeled to more effective animal control, education, and public safety initiatives. Breed-specific legislation primarily targets specific pet breeds that are wrongly thought to be dangerous – most frequently "pit bull types" – and places stricter regulations on these dogs or, in some cases, even makes ownership of them illegal.

The Evanston Codes are void of restrictions based on pet breeds. Evanston City Code 9-4-1 deems a person a problem pet owner if a number of violations, such as ownership of wild/vicious animals or cruelty to animals, are committed. The ordinance also establishes license revocation and restrictions on owning any animals for a period of time as a result of such violations. In an attempt to curb or prevent purported attacks or aggression of certain animals in their communities, only three Illinois municipalities were identified by staff with special requirements or prohibitions against certain breeds of dogs. The municipalities are Tampico, Prospect Heights, and Hanover.

The impetus for the creation of the new ordinance is to hold owners accountable for issues with their dogs rather than place the blame on a dog due to its breed. In terms of insurance, Illinois Statute 215 ILCS/143.10 (e) emphasizes the prohibition of insurance companies refusing to issue, renew, charge, impose, limit, exclude, or reduce coverage or increase the premium or rates based on a specific breed or mixture of breeds.

In conjunction with this proposal, the Human Services Committee agreed to incorporate pet licensing and vaccinations into the ordinance. An existing ordinance regarding licensing under Title 9, Chapter 4, Dogs, Cats, Animals, and Fowl, encompasses application processes, fee structures, and licensing requirements for pets and other animals.

Changes incorporated in the municipal codes include licensing dogs regardless of breed and mandating rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs, including verifying vaccinations before a license is issued. In the past five years, almost ten rabies cases have been reported to the Evanston Health and Human Services Department. The Evanston Health and Human Services Department and the Police Department have continued to collaborate regarding responses to rabies calls and complaints.

Attachments:

[70-O-24 Amending Title 5 Chapter 3 and Title 9 Chapter 4 Regarding Animal Breeds, Licensing, and Vaccination](#)

70-O-24

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 and Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City Code

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of the United States states that there is no evidence that breed-specific laws or bans on breeds or perceived breeds reduce attacks on people;

WHEREAS, the relative danger or perceived danger from any animal is not determined by its breed; and

WHEREAS, breed-specific restrictions in housing generally target specific pet breeds that are wrongly thought to be dangerous – most frequently, “pit bill” types – and those restrictions prevent some dog owners from being able to access housing choices; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Evanston residents to amend the City Code to prevent unwarranted housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, in the past five years, several rabies cases have been reported to the Health and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, licensing and vaccination requirements for pets more accurately and thoroughly protects the safety of the residents of Evanston than breed restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Evanston residents to amend the City Code regarding licensing and vaccination of animals.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: Title 5, Chapter 3 of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

TITLE 5
HOUSING REGULATIONS

5-3-3-3. PROHIBITED PROVISIONS IN RENTAL AGREEMENTS.

(A) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, no rental agreement may provide that the tenant or the housing provider:

...

13. Agrees that any specific breed(s) of dog is/are not allowed, in cases where the rental agreement otherwise allows the tenant to house a dog or dogs in or on the premises.

5-3-4-2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) The housing provider, from time to time, may adopt general rules or regulations concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises. They are enforceable only if in writing and:

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8. They do not restrict the tenant from housing any specific breed of dog in or on the premises where housing a dog in or on the premises is otherwise allowed.

SECTION 2: Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

9-4-3-1. - REQUIRED DUE DATE.

No person shall, without first obtaining a license therefor in writing from the City Manager or his/her designee, own, keep, harbor or have custody of any animal over four (4) months of age; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to require the owners of small cage birds, aquatic and amphibian animals, small cage rodents or nonpoisonous snakes less than three feet (3') in length, which are kept solely as pets, to obtain such license. A license shall be issued to any dog owner irrespective of the breed type when all requirements to obtain a license are met. Such license shall be obtained on or before the last day of February of each year, except for an animal less than four (4) months old on that day, in which case a license shall be procured when the animal attains that age.

9-4-3-4. - APPLICATION; REQUIREMENTS.

At the time of making application for an animal license, the owner shall furnish the following information and material to the City Manager or his/her designee:

(A) The name and address of the owner of the animal.

(B) The sex and breed of the animal.

(C) A certificate of inoculation against rabies issued by the county rabies inspector, his/her deputy or a licensed veterinarian bearing proof that such inoculation shall be effective throughout the full license period, shall be submitted to the City Manager or his/her designee for his/her inspection. Rabies inoculations are mandated for all dogs and cats over the age of four months. No license shall be issued for any dog or cat owner without proof of current rabies inoculation that was administered by a

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licensed veterinarian. The rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

(D) The name and address of the issuer of the certificate of inoculation.

(E) The number of other dogs, if any, occupying and/or licensed for the same premises as applicant.

(F) That the dog is a dangerous dog, if, on or prior to the date of registration, the owner has been advised of that fact in writing by the Chief of Police or his/her designee, the dog has been adjudicated as dangerous by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the owner has reason to believe that the dog is dangerous.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

SECTION 5: The findings and recitals contained herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

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Introduced: _____, 2024

Approved:

Adopted: _____, 2024

_____, 2024

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Alexandra B, Ruggie, Corporation Counsel



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Audrey Thompson, Parks & Recreation Director
Subject: Resolution 41-R-24 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution 41-R-24 designating the portion of Maple Avenue between Church Street and Clark Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign “Dr. Edward A. Blumen Way.”

Funding Source:

Funds for the honorary street name sign program are budgeted in the Public Works Agency, Public Service Bureau - Traffic Operations' materials fund (Account 100.40.4520.65115), which has a fiscal year budget of \$68,000 and a year-to-date balance of \$57,000. The approximate cost to create the street name signs is \$200.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The Honorary Street Name Sign program was established in 1996 to allow citizens the opportunity to honor individuals or groups that have contributed significantly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historical, or humanitarian acts.

The Parks and Recreation Board administers the program through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests for an honorary street name sign designation have to originate with a Councilmember, and each Councilmember may have one honorary designation approved each year.

Councilmember Krissie Harris submitted an application in honor of Dr. Edward A. Blumen. If approved, three street name signs will be fabricated. One sign will be installed at each end of the designated one-block area, and the third sign will be given to the honoree. The honorary designation will expire ten years after its passage by the City Council, at which time the signs will be removed (Resolution 52-R-01).

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended approving this resolution at their June 20, 2024, meeting.

Attachments:

[Resolution 41-R-24](#)

[Honorary Street Name Sign Application](#)

41-R-24

A RESOLUTION

Designating that portion of Maple Avenue between Church Street and Clark Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Dr. Edward A. Blumen Way”

WHEREAS, Dr. Edward A. Blumen (“Dr. Blumen”) has been a physician practicing continuity of care medicine in Evanston since 1976, has provided generations of care for Evanston residents and the Evanston workforce and has been a key participant in a substantial number of organizations and initiatives for the betterment of his neighborhood, his Ward, and the City of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumen has been an Evanston resident for 35 years and since 2004 has lived within nearly 100 yards from his office at 909 Davis Street, his children have all attended Evanston public grade schools and high school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumen has made a significant contribution to the healthcare culture of downtown Evanston, has served as a frontline primary care physician for all ages of patients within a four-block radius since 1976, including adjusting through the changing healthcare complexities in the community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumen has received multiple peer honors and has brought primary care notoriety to Downtown Evanston, has served as President and then Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, has taught many Northwestern and University of Chicago medical students and resident physicians over the years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumen has advocated to encourage balance in life, work, and civic community engagement and he and his wife have supported Connections for the Homeless, Northshore National Alliance on Mental Illness, McGaw YMCA, Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U), Evanston Community Foundation, Interfaith Community Council, Robert Crown Community Center, Northlight Theater, and he has volunteered as medical director for Camp Chi, a children’s overnight summer camp, for nearly 20 years, and Dr. Blumen was instrumental in the original idea for the new Evanston Township High School Health Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blumen’s medical office and home are approximately at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Street and daily he walks the short distance to and from his office and residence directly under the intersection sign for Church and Maple streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Dr. Edward A. Blumen by designating that portion of Maple Avenue between Church Street and Clark Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Dr. Edward A. Blumen Way.”

SECTION 3: This Resolution 41-R-24 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

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Daniel Biss, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Alexandra B. Ruggie, Corporation Counsel

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Adopted: _____, 2024



Parks and Recreation Department
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City of Evanston Honorary Street Name Sign Application Form

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Honorary Street Name Sign program was established to allow citizens the opportunity to honor people who have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historic, or humanitarian acts. Request for an honorary designation has to originate with an Alderman and each Alderman may have one honorary designation approved each year. Honorary street name signs are displayed for a period of ten-years and the portion of a street so designated is one block long. The program is administered by the Parks and Recreation Board through the Parks and Recreation Department. Final approval is granted by the Evanston City Council. The honorary designation expires ten years after its passage by City Council, at which time the signs will be removed (Resolution 52-R-01).

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW:

NAME OF HONOREE: Dr. Edward A. Blumen Way
(as it would appear on the street sign)

PROPER STREET NAME: Maple Ave.

INTERSECTING STREETS AT EACH END OF THE ONE BLOCK AREA:
Church St and Clark St

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, AND GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR EACH OF THE APPLICABLE CRITERIA. A STREET CAN BE NAMED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, OR GROUP/DESIGNATION.

CULTURAL IMPACT TO CITY:

Introduction: Primary care is the backbone of a nation's healthcare system. It positively aids the health of the communities it serves and helps to decrease healthcare disparities. In our nation primary care is experiencing difficulties with decreased funding and support.

Dr. Edward Blumen has made a significant contribution to the healthcare culture of downtown Evanston. He has served as a frontline primary care physician for all ages within a 4-block radius since 1976 adjusting thru the changing healthcare complexities in the community and our nation. As a Family Physician he has cared for 1,2,3 and 4 generational families. Over the years he has received multiple peer honors and has brought primary care notoriety to Downtown Evanston. He has served as President and then Chairmen of the Board of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. With his help Family Medicine and Primary Care has felt welcome. One patient referred to him as an "institute" in Downtown Evanston. Another patient refers to him as a "one stop super shop."

HISTORICAL IMPACT TO CITY:

Since 1976 Dr. Edward Blumen has practiced continuity of care in Downtown Evanston. He has multiple patients who started seeing him with the original Northcare (one of the original 7 federally qualified HMOs) and then followed him as their insurance changed. Thru these years he has taught many Northwestern and University of Chicago medical students and resident physicians. He has been an active Evanston resident for 35 of these years and remains as such.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS:

Dr. Blumen is an advocate to encourage balance in life. He is a proponent to incorporate a behavioral approach to each patient encounter and attempt to guide toward collaborative improvement. He and his wife have supported: Connections for the Homeless, Northshore NAMI, McGaw YMCA, YOU, Evanston Community Foundation, Interfaith Community Council, Robert Crown Community Center and Northlight Theater. He volunteered as medical director for Camp Chi, children’s overnight summer camp, for nearly 20 years and he was instrumental in the original idea for the new EHS Health Education Center.

CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH EVANSTON:

Dr Blumen has been an Evanston resident for 35 of the years since 1976 and since 2004 has lived within nearly 100 yards from the 909 Davis Street, Evanston office. His children have all attended Evanston public grade schools and high school. He has provided generations of care for Evanston residents, Evanston employees and has brought innumerable others from near and far to see him in Downtown Evanston.

GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF STREET TO FOCUS OF INTEREST

Dr. Blumen’s medical office and home are approximately at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Church Street. Daily he walks the short distance to and from his office and residence directly under the intersection sign for Church and Maple.

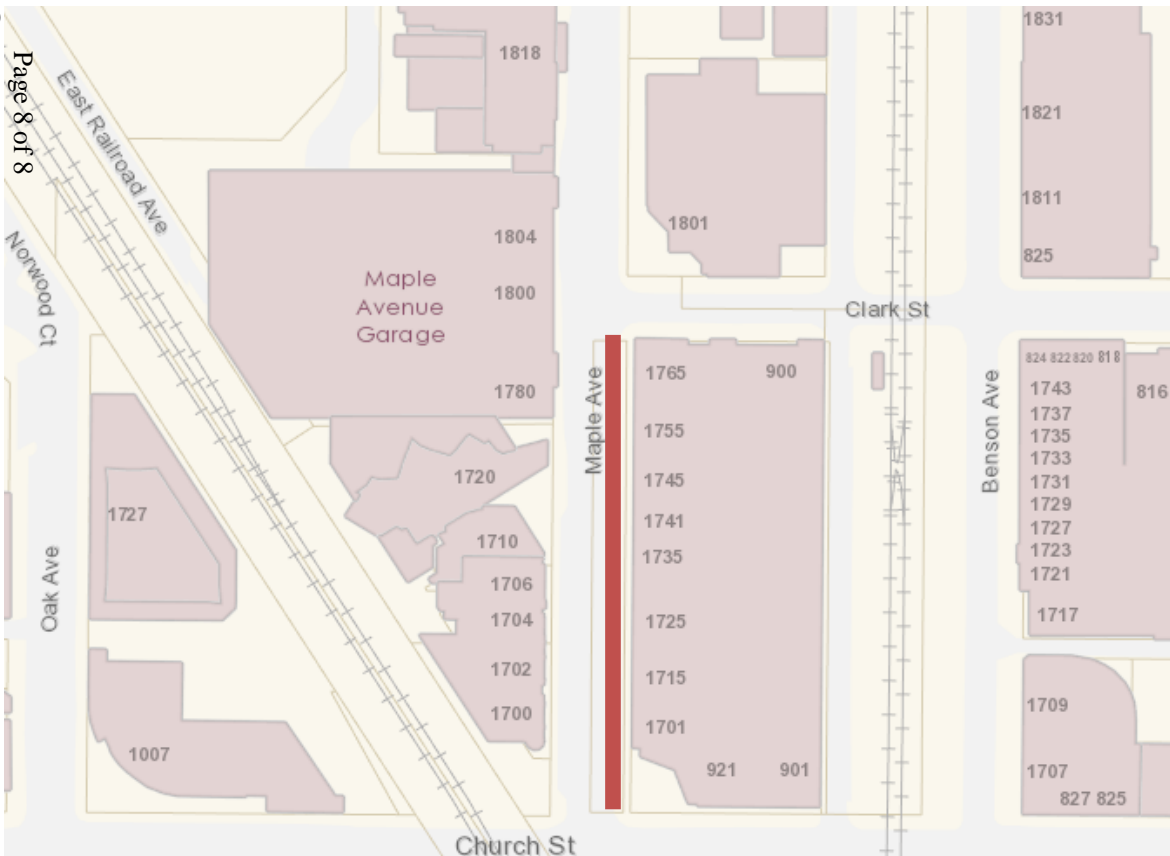
A LIVING INDIVIDUAL (EXCLUSIVE OF CITY OF EVANSTON STAFF)

Signature of Applicant: Krissie Harris Date: 6-13-24
(Councilmember)

Applicant’s Address: _____ Phone _____
Email: kharris@cityofevanston.org

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
Applicant’s Address: _____ Phone _____
Email: _____

Submit completed form to:
City of Evanston
Parks and Recreation Department
2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201
Fax: 847-448-8051
pbelcher@cityofevanston.org





Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Kristi Bachmann, Chair of the Animal Welfare Board
CC: Schenita Stewart, Chief of Police; Audrey Thompson, Director of Parks and Recreation
Subject: Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

The Animal Welfare Board recommends adoption of Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

This ordinance emphasizes the critical importance of animal and traffic safety in proposed amendments regulating horse-drawn carriages within city limits. The proposed amendments are designed to ensure the safety of animals and residents, with the aim to mitigate risks and promote responsible practices in line with traffic regulations and permitting requirements.

It is essential to prioritize the safety of all animals involved. Therefore, operating or riding a tame, non-domestic supervised, and controlled animal, including a horse or horse-drawn carriage, without a permit on any driveway, roadway, path, or trail within park property will be prohibited. Additionally, proper traffic control procedures must be adhered to for the safety of pedestrians and drivers. Violations of these procedures while operating or riding a horse or horse-drawn carriage will be strictly prohibited. By adhering to traffic regulations, the risk of accidents is minimized and order can be maintained on our roads and pathways.

Attachments:

[Ordinance 17-O-24 Amending the City Code to Regulate Horse Drawn Carriages \(2\)](#)

17-O-24

AN ORDINANCE

**Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages
in the City**

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Title 10, Chapter 3 of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended, is hereby further amended to add Subsection 10-3-14, "Horses and Horse-Drawn Carriages" as follows:

10-3-14. – HORSES AND HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a horse or horse-drawn carriage on City streets without a permit. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a horse or horse-drawn carriage in violation of proper traffic control procedures.

SECTION 2: Subsection 7-10-8 "Permits" of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

7-10-8. – PERMITS.

(C) *Permit Requirement.*

1. *General.* No person shall, without a permit:

- a. Conduct a public assembly, parade, picnic, or other event involving more than thirty (30) individuals;
- b. Conduct any exhibit, music or dramatic performance, fair, circus, concert, play, church service, radio or television broadcast, other than a news transmission;
- c. Exhibit or display any motion picture, television program, light or laser light display, or similar event;
- d. Operate a vehicle, except upon a publicly dedicated street, alley, watercourse or other thoroughfare which may abut or traverse a park;

- e. Create or emit any amplified sound, except from a radio, recorder or other device possessed and used by an individual for his/her own enjoyment and operated in such a manner so as not to interfere with the use and enjoyment by another person;
- f. Station or erect any building, tent, canopy, stand, bandstand, stage, tower, scaffold, sound stage, platform, rostrum or other structure for longer than three (3) hours;
- g. Station or use any electrical or electronic device or equipment that would require outdoor auxiliary power;
- h. Display, post or distribute any placard, handbill, pamphlet, circular, book or other writing containing commercial advertising matter within the park system (as described in Title 4, Chapter 12, "Sign Regulations," and Section 3-4-2-2 of this Code);
- i. Conduct an organized sporting event;
- j. Ride any horse or horse-drawn carriage on any driveway, roadway, path or trail, park property; or
- k. Bring onto park property or any city roadway, a tame, nondomestic supervised and controlled animal for limited noncommercial or promotional purposes.

2. Permits For Activities Involving More Than Five Hundred Individuals. No activity involving more than five hundred (500) individuals shall be held within two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet of the boundaries of another such event, nor within two (2) hours of any other activity involving more than five hundred (500) individuals.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

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SECTION 5: The findings and recitals contained herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: _____, 2024

Approved:

Adopted: _____, 2024

_____, 2024

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Alexandra Ruggie, Interim Corporation
Counsel



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
CC: Sarah Flax, Community Development Director, Andrew San Roman,
Building & Services Development Manager, Elizabeth Williams,
Planning and Zoning Manager
Subject: Permit Waiver for Seniors
Date: August 19, 2024

Recommended Action:

Councilmember Geracaris recommends the Human Service Committee discuss establishing a permit waiver system for seniors who have lived in Evanston for ten years or more and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI).

CARP:

Vulnerable Populations

Committee Action:

For Discussion

Summary:

Councilmember Geracaris' referral is to create an Evanston waiver process for income-eligible seniors when they apply for building permits. The impetus for this proposal is to assist income-eligible seniors who are primarily living on fixed incomes to save money that they can use for payments toward addressing repairs in their homes. The City of Chicago has a waiver program for its seniors that could be a resource for developing a similar program for Evanston.

The City of Chicago's program established a number of requirements to determine eligibility, such as age, household income not exceeding 80% of AMI, and ownership of the building, including living in the building for at least 10 years. Chicago's program waives 100% of the building permit fees for eligible seniors. Documents to prove eligibility include birth certificates, social security cards, income tax returns, deeds, utility bills, and tax paperwork. The property owner must be 65 years or older to be eligible. According to the most recent Census data, slightly over 17% of the Evanston population is 65 or older.

Waiving permit fees for eligible seniors will have some City revenue implications, the significance of which has not been calculated. The Community Development Department is currently evaluating the fees charged for building plan review and permits and simplifying the fee structure, which has not been evaluated since 2018. What permit types would be included in the waived fees should also be considered. In addition to building fees, zoning analysis, preservation, and other Community Development fees are being evaluated to institute the new fee structure in 2025.

Staff proposes that the cost implications of waiving the building permit and related fees for seniors be considered as part of this process. Consideration could be given to related fees charged by Fire and Public Works Departments and not forgetting that implementing a permit waiver for seniors program would require income certification of applicants for the waiver. This is not a function that the Community Development Department provides. Whether Human Services or some other department could do this or if additional staff would be needed would have to be determined as part of the evaluation.

In addition, staff proposes including consideration of waiving building permit fees for income-eligible senior homeowners in the Strategic Housing Plan to help address the displacement of lower-income residents from our city. As part of that evaluation, additional research needed to estimate what proportion of the 65-and-older population would qualify as income-eligible homeowners would be undertaken.