



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Town Hall
405 Martin Luther King Jr.
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Legislation Text

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Consider Request to Extend Jurisdiction for UNC Police Department.

Staff:

Christopher C. Blue, Executive Director of Community Safety

Department:

Police

Overview: This Resolution is to seek your approval on allowing the University's campus police department to have extended jurisdiction to off-campus sorority and fraternity houses.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council adopt the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to modify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the UNC Police Department to extend the UNC Police Department's Jurisdiction to off-campus fraternity and sorority locations.

Decision Points:

- To allow UNC Campus police to have extended jurisdiction to Fraternity and Sorority properties identified in attached list.

Background

In the attached letter dated December 21, 2020, Chancellor Guskiewicz requested that the Town explore the option of granting extended territorial jurisdiction to UNC campus police officers. This would allow for joint jurisdiction at off-campus locations where fraternities and sororities are located. This would mean that University police officers could respond to and enforce laws at these locations.

The identified properties are adjacent to the University and are occupied entirely by students enrolled at the University. A list of these locations is attached to the memorandum.

The Town's police department will also retain jurisdiction at these locations should we be asked to assist. However, all calls for service will be handled by the University's police officers. Should Council decide to extend this jurisdiction, Town staff will work with our colleagues at the University's police department and Orange County 911 to make appropriate arrangements to have calls dispatched to the correct agency.



Attachments:

- Resolution
- December 23, 2020 Mayor Hemminger Letter
- December 21, 2020 Chancellor Guskiewicz Letter
- List of Fraternity and Sorority Houses & Status

A RESOLUTION TO EXTENDED JURISDICTION FOR THE UNC POLICE DEPARTMENT (2021-03-24/R-11)

WHEREAS, the Town and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the jurisdiction for the UNC Police Department in the Town; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2020 Chancellor Guskiewicz requested that the Town explore the option of granting extended territorial jurisdiction to UNC campus police officers; and

WHEREAS, the identified properties are adjacent to the University and are occupied entirely by students enrolled at the University; and

WHEREAS, the Council values our relationships with the University's public safety, and feels this would help strengthen our ability to keep students safe while living off campus in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorize the Town Manager to modify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the UNC Police Department to extend the UNC Police Department's jurisdiction to off-campus fraternity and sorority locations.

This the 24th day of March, 2021.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

PRESENTER: George Battle, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and Risk Management

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the Town Manager to modify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the UNC Police Department to extend the UNC Police Department's Jurisdiction to off-campus fraternity and sorority locations.