

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council has worked aggressively on efforts to make the City of Memphis safer and is pursuing options that will help the City of Memphis achieve its goal of putting 2,600 officers on the streets of Memphis by 2011; and

WHEREAS, a variety of incentives and strategies have been reviewed as we seek new ways to recruit and add additional officers to the Memphis Police force; and

WHEREAS, while there are new incentives and strategies contemplated and being implemented, the Council believes there are incentives currently offered which, if marketed and promoted more aggressively, can add value to the benefits of police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Housing and Development provides \$10,000 in down payment and closing costs for police officers who purchase homes in the City of Memphis is one such benefit that needs to be more aggressively advertised; and

WHEREAS, the down payment assistance program should be re-introduced to current officers and promoted to perspective employees as a positive enhancement of the benefit package for police officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL requests that the Director of Housing and Community Development in conjunction with Human Resources, more effectively advertise the down payment assistance program for police officers and report to a joint meeting of HCD and Personnel on February 17, 2009 its progress of expanded efforts in highlighting this program.

ADOPTED: February 3, 2009

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