

**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO ADD ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
IN THE EFFORT TO COMBAT CRIME**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to make it the policy and priority of this City to decrease our crime rate and strives to assist the Memphis Police Department achieve its mission, to create and maintain for the City of Memphis an environment of public safety recognized for its zero tolerance for crime and its compassion and responsiveness to the needs, rights, and expectations of all its citizens, employees, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires assisting the Administration with carrying out plans to combat blight in our city and wishes to encourage the Division of Community Enhancement to promote a clean and secure City of Memphis and protect the public health, safety and welfare in existing buildings used for dwelling purposes, specifically by addressing storage of inoperable or abandoned vehicles on public and private property; minimum housing standards for existing dwellings; environmental conditions which may contribute to deterioration in the community; abandoned commercial structures which may contribute to deterioration in the community and overgrown weeds on city rights-of-way, interstates, vacant lots and lots with vacant houses; and

WHEREAS, despite the state of the national economy, the City of Memphis has been on a good financial performance track for the past several years; Memphis has recovered from past financial difficulties, increased its bond rating and made sound fiscal decisions resulting in strong financial reserves and a projected operating surplus of \$16.7 million for FY 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FY 2009 operating budget is hereby amended to allocate an additional \$5 million to the Division of Police Services to be used for overtime hours by uniform precinct officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY 2009 operating budget is hereby amended to allocate an additional \$500,000.00 to the Division of Community Enhancement to be used for additional staff and / or overtime hours by Grounds Maintenance Crewpersons and Code Enforcement Inspectors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Community Enhancement study the development of a program utilizing volunteers as Reserve Code Enforcement Officers similar to the Reserve Police Officer program and report its findings by the first council meeting in November 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the remainder of FY 2009 the Directors of Police Services and Community Enhancement or their designee shall report to the first monthly City Council Public Safety Committee the amount spent over the previously approved FY 2009 budget amount and the direct impact of the additional allocation for the previous month.

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