## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN Ordinance No. 16-O-20 (Emergency)

Introduced By:

Date Introduced:

Amendments Adopted:

November 7, 2016

November 8, 2016

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning

## TRANSFER OF CODE ENFORCEMENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**FOR** the purpose of transferring and reassigning from the Department of Planning and Growth Management Community Development to the Aberdeen Police Department, retroactively as of a certain date, all duties and responsibilities relating to code enforcement in the City of Aberdeen; ratifying, confirming and validating certain code enforcement actions and activities undertaken before the effective date of this Ordinance; and matters generally related to code enforcement in the City of Aberdeen.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** In July and August of this year, the City Manager briefed the City Council on reassigning code enforcement duties and responsibilities from the Department of Planning and Growth Management Community Development to the Aberdeen Police Department. The decision for this organizational and operational restructuring was based upon a determination that code enforcement is more appropriately handled as part of the Police Department's overall law enforcement functions, where more staffing and resources could be devoted to that function. This reorganization and assumption of code enforcement duties and responsibilities began on or about August 15, 2016. However, § 11.C.14.d of the City Charter requires the City Council, by ordinance, to approve the assignment of additional duties and functions to City departments. Now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, that the City Council transfers from the Department of Planning and Growth Management Community Development and assigns to the Aberdeen Police Department, retroactively to August 15, 2016, all code enforcement duties and responsibilities for the City of Aberdeen.

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN,** that the City Council ratifies, confirms and validates all code enforcement actions and activities taken by the Chief of Police and Aberdeen Police Department from and after August 15, 2016.

## **EXPLANATION:**

((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

<del>Strike Out</del> indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

\* \* \* indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Ordinance

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

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SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, that this Ordinance shall become effective the day following adoption by the City Council.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN

Patrick L. McGrady, Mayor

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Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman

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ATTEST:

**SEAL:** 

Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date 1/10/10/10/16