



City Council Meeting

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Transmittal Letter

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Agenda Item #:

Agenda Title: **Receive and Accept Annual Racial Profiling Report**

Council Action to be taken: **Accept Report**

Department Submitted: **Police**

Staff Contact: **Henry Fluck, Chief of Police**

1. PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.133 requires specific information established by this chapter be collected, analyzed, and reported annually to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and the local governmental body.

2. STAFF ANALYSIS / BACKGROUND / PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIONS

Racial profiling is defined as a law-enforcement initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity.

The objective is to ensure that racial profiling is not occurring by reviewing stops conducted by our officers, review of arrests and review of searches. Recordings of police interaction are retained by our agency. Complaints regarding police conduct are investigated.

In 2020, the Taylor Police Department did receive one complaint of racial profiling. This complaint was taken serious and fully investigated. The investigation revealed that racial profiling did not occur. However, there was found to be unprofessional conduct that occurred resulting in taking the appropriate corrective measures.

After conducting a review and analysis of these traffic stops, cases and searches in 2020 there is no indication that racial profiling has occurred within the Taylor Police Department. In addition, the number and percentage of traffic stops are consistent with the racial and ethnic demographics of the City of Taylor as measured by the 2010 U.S. Census.

The City Council has annually received and accepted the report.

3. PROS and CONS

<u>PROS</u>	<u>CONS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required by legal statute.• Transparency of traffic stop contacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Failure to submit report would result in sanctions to the City of Taylor and the Police Department.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Receive and accept the report.

5. FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

6. TIMELINE

The report is due on March 1, 2021.

7. OTHER OPTIONS (In order of preference)

N/A- The report is required by law.

8. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Racial Profiling Report for 2020
- b. Analysis of Total Traffic Stops for 2020 and Comparison Demographics
- c. PowerPoint- Racial Profiling Report 2020