



City Council Meeting February 23, 2017 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #:

Agenda Title: Receive and Accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report

Council Action to be taken: Accept Report

Initiating Department: Police

Staff Contact: Henry Fluck, Chief of Police

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

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. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

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 insure that racial profiling is not occurring by reviewing stops conducted by our officers, review of arrests and review of all searches. Recordings of police interaction are retained by our agency. Complaints regarding police conduct are looked into.

In 2016, we received no complaints of racial profiling. After conducting a review and analysis of these traffic stops, cases and searches in 2016 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.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Report is due March 1, 2017.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Approve as submitted.

6. REFERENCE FILES

- a. State of Texas Racial Profiling Report for 2016
- b. Warnings Issued for 2016
- c. Total Traffic Stops for 2016 and Comparison Demographics