



COLORADO SPRINGS  
CITY COUNCIL

# ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Mach 23, 2026**

Legislative Services

# HISTORY

City Council created the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission with the passage of Ordinance 20-44 on July 14, 2020, to advise on and recommend areas and topics of study related to police operations, best practices, and resource allocation, to solicit public input, and to promote improved relationships between the citizens and the Police Department.

# HISTORY CONTINUED

City Council revised the name of the Commission through Ordinance 22-33, adopted on June 28, 2022, which revised the name from the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission to the Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## **Crisis Response Team (CRT) Recommendation** July 6, 2021

LETAC adopted and presented its first major recommendation to City Council advocating for the expansion of the CRTs to improve behavioral health crisis response, reduce reliance on police alone, and support de-escalation, and enhance overall safety and service effectiveness.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

## **CSPD Use of Force Study Recommendation** September 26, 2022

LETAC recommended that City Council support and prioritize implementation of key action items from the independent Assessment of CSPD Use of Force report prepared by Transparency Matters, including improved transparency, training, accountability, and community collaboration.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

## 2024 CSPD Budget Considerations

July 24, 2023

LETAC provided formal budget recommendations to City Council for the 2024 CSPD budget, reflecting community input and Commission analysis on resourcing priorities.

# LETAC RECOMMENDATION

On March 2, 2026, the Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission approved a recommendation that requested City Council initiate a formal revisioning process to dissolve LETAC as a City Council Appointed Board, determine the appropriate structure of a body that will continue improving law enforcement and community trust, and evaluate a re-purposed citizen-led body reflecting the evolved needs of our growing city.

# RATIONALE FOR DISSOLUTION

## Ongoing Community Engagement Activities

- Neighborhood Watch Meetings across the city
- Annual Chief's Town Hall
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments
- Youth-focused engagement through School Resource Officers
- Participation in Mayor's Listening Sessions and community report-outs
- District-level engagement through patrol division commanders attending
- Councilmember meetings and town halls upon request

# RATIONALE FOR DISSOLUTION CONTINUED

## Transparency, Data Access, and Public Reporting

- Publicly available departmental policies online
- A publicly accessible CSPD Data Hub containing multiple data sets for independent review and analysis
- Formal complaint intake through the GoCOS App, email, phone, and surveys
- Monthly reports and trend analyses are shared internally and publicly

# RATIONALE FOR DISSOLUTION CONTINUED

## Independent Oversight and Accreditation

- Participation in audits conducted by the City Auditor's Office
- Voluntary accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

## Emerging Technology and Accessibility Enhancements

- By March 2026, CSPD will implement live AI translation capability in bodyworn cameras, significantly improving language access and real-time accountability during police interactions, particularly for limited English proficient residents.

# NEXT STEPS

- First Reading at the April 14 Regular Meeting
- Final vote and recognition of current and past Commissioners at the April 28th Regular Meeting.