

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	July 20, 2020
Action Required:	Resolution Adoption
Staff Contacts:	John Blair, City Attorney
Presenters:	John Blair, City Attorney
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Charlottesville Police Department Training and Weaponry Resolution</b>

**Background:**

David Swanson, a Charlottesville resident, crafted a petition requesting the Charlottesville City Council to prohibit the use of military style or “warrior” training for the Charlottesville Police Department as well as to prohibit the Charlottesville Police Department from acquiring weaponry from the United States armed forces.

**Discussion:**

The petition has received over 1,000 signatures.

The Charlottesville Police Department does not currently employ military style or “warrior” training, nor does it acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces according to Charlottesville Chief of Police, Dr. RaShall M. Brackney.

This Resolution establishes the Council’s policy on these types of training as well as weaponry acquisition.

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Proposed Resolution

**RESOLUTION**  
**OPPOSING CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**RECEIVING MILITARY-STYLE TRAINING AND**  
**ACQUIRING WEAPONRY FROM THE U.S. MILITARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville Police Department does not receive military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville Police Department does not acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville City Council opposes the Charlottesville Police Department receiving military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville City Council opposes the Charlottesville Police Department acquiring weaponry from the United States armed forces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Charlottesville Police Department shall not acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Charlottesville Police Department shall not receive military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company.