

ORDINANCE NUMBER 660-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 659-10 REMOVING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Fowler provides public safety through a municipal police force; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to provide a better means of communication between Fowler citizens, the police department and the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously established a Police Committee whose membership was restricted to residents within the Fowler Police Department jurisdiction and now desire to expand membership to residents outside the Fowler Police Department's jurisdictional territory.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Fowler Board of Trustees as follows:

1. Definitions:
 - a. "*Trustee*" means a member of the Fowler Board of Trustees or the mayor of the Town of Fowler.
2. Board Established. A Police Committee "Board" is hereby established as a standing committee of the Town of Fowler.
3. Membership. The Board membership shall consist of seven voting members and one non-voting ex-officio member as follows:
 - a. Two Trustees whose term of office shall be until the trustees are re-elected or their successors are sworn into office as Trustees.
 - b. Five at large members who shall be nominated by the mayor and appointed by the Fowler Board of Trustees.
 - c. The Fowler chief of police shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
4. Terms of Office. The terms of office for the five residents shall be four years except for the first term of office immediately following the adoption of this ordinance. The first term of office shall establish staggered terms as follows:
 - a. One resident shall be appointed for a one year with the term of office concluding at midnight December 31, 2011;

- b. One resident shall be appointed for two years with the term of office concluding at midnight December 31, 2012;
 - c. One resident shall be appointed for three years with the term of office concluding at midnight December 31, 2013;
 - d. Two residents shall be appointed for four years with the term of office concluding at midnight December 31, 2014.
5. Officers. The Board shall elect from its voting members a chairman and vice-chairman at its first meeting and annually thereafter during the Board's first meeting of each calendar year.
6. Meetings.
- a. The Board shall ordinarily meet monthly but in no case less than quarterly.
 - b. The chief of police shall attend all Board meetings. Where the chief of police is unable to attend, the chief of police shall name a police officer to attend that meeting as his designee.
7. Board Powers.
- a. The Board shall advise the chief of police and the Trustees on the following:
 - i. Police - Community relations;
 - ii. Allocation of police resources and services;
 - iii. Other areas as determined by the Board and not otherwise prohibited in this ordinance.
 - b. The Board shall receive reports and information from the Chief of Police.
8. Board Limitations.
- a. Ongoing Investigations. The Board shall not provide advice on or seek information on ongoing investigations by the police department.
 - b. Personnel.
 - i. The Board shall have no access to personnel records.
 - ii. The Board shall not provide advice or input with respect to police officer disciplinary matters.
 - iii. The Board shall have access to information to the same extent as any member of the public under the Colorado Open Records Act.

- c. Directives or Orders. The Board shall have no authority to direct the chief of police, any police officer or any employee of the town of Fowler. This power is specifically reserved to the town administrator and Board of Trustees as may be set forth in Town of Fowler rules or ordinances or by Colorado law.

INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS
____ **TH DAY OF January, 2011.**

TOWN OF FOWER

ATTEST:

Pat Christensen, Mayor

Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk