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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2024-210(S)**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DEMANDING**
2 **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REGARDING BODY-WORN**
3 **CAMERA (BWC) FOOTAGE OF THE POLICE SHOOTING OF KRIS HANDY,**
4 **PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ANCHORAGE**
5 **POLICE DEPARTMENT ON RELEASE OF BWC FOOTAGE OF CRITICAL**
6 **INCIDENTS GENERALLY, AND CALLING FOR A FULL REVIEW AND**
7 **RECONSIDERATION OF THE APD POLICY ON BWCS.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly approved AO 2020-116(S) on January 26,
11 2021 sending to the voters a ballot proposition "whether to approve a special tax
12 levy dedicated to payment of the costs of leasing for the Anchorage Police
13 Department, body-worn camera (BWC), in-car cameras, digital-evidence
14 management (DEM), computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and record-management
15 system (RMS) systems, and related technologies and systems"; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, two of the sponsors of this resolution brought forward AO 2023-78, an
18 ordinance to add a requirement for a body-worn camera policy in Anchorage
19 Municipal Code, but decided not to move forward with the ordinance and instead
20 put forward guidance to APD via AR 2023-353, passed and approved on October
21 24, 2023; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, earlier this year, there were three officer-involved shootings in the span
24 of three weeks, one of which was the police shooting of Kris Handy; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, conflicting and inconsistent narratives have caused harm and
27 confusion and demands have grown from community members and Handy family
28 members to release the BWC footage of the incident; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, at the Assembly meeting on June 11, Acting Police Chief Bianca Cross
31 publicly stated that she is open to having the Handy family view the BWC footage
32 once the Office of Special Prosecutions (OSP) decides whether charges are
33 warranted and would re-evaluate the request at that time;
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35 **WHEREAS, on July 11, 2024, APD issued a draft revised BWC policy that will**
36 **not be effective until after such time as there is consultation with the**
37 **Assembly through a work session scheduled for July 19, 2024;**
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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41 **Section 1.** The Anchorage Assembly urges APD to immediately provide for
42 possession prior to public release a copy of all BWC footage and/or recordings, to

1 include video and audio, of the Handy incident, in-car cameras, and 9-1-1 calls to
2 the Handy family at no cost.

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4 **Section 2.** The Anchorage Assembly urges APD to publicly release by posting on
5 APD's webpages the BWC footage and/or recordings, including video and audio, of
6 all recent critical incidents within 30 days of passage of this resolution independent
7 of any pending investigations and possible criminal indictments.

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9 **Section 3.** The Anchorage Assembly urges the Administration and APD within
10 ~~15~~**[30]** days of the passage of this resolution to **further** reconsider the **new draft**
11 **revised**~~[entirety of]~~ APD Policy and Procedure 3.10.110, Body Worn Cameras,~~[.]~~¹
12 **specifically**~~[Instead, all parties should]~~ **reviewing** and **considering**: the ACLU
13 model act for regulating the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement, **the**
14 **request for regulatory action submitted to the Assembly by the Alaska Black**
15 **Caucus, NAACP Anchorage Branch and the Northern Justice Project on**
16 **February 6, 2023**, as well as the LAPD BWC policy, **include**~~[des]~~ **in the revised**
17 **policy [which]** the creation of a public body with public hearings which makes the
18 determination on release of BWC footage **when APD determines not to release**
19 **BWC footage at the first opportunity available under the policy, and if a**
20 **determination not to release BWC footage at first opportunity should**
21 **constitute a denial of a request for inspection of a public record pursuant to**
22 **AMC 3.90.060B.**

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24 **Section 4.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
25 approval by the Assembly.

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27 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
28 of _____, 2024.

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33 Chair of the Assembly

34 ATTEST:

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38 Municipal Clerk
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1 Current APD Policy and Procedure 3.10.110 available at
<https://public.powerdms.com/ANCHOR/tree/documents/3186656> (accessed June 27, 2024).