



City Council Meeting February 28, 2019

STRATEGIC PILLAR

☐ Streets/Infrastructure

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Agenda Item #:

Agenda Title: **Receive and Accept Annual Racial Profiling Report**

Council Action to be taken: **Accept Report**

Department Submitted: **Police**

Staff Contact: **Henry Fluck, Chief of Police**

1. PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION

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. STAFF ANALYSIS (Why and How)

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 searches. Recordings of police interaction are retained by our agency. Complaints regarding police conduct are looked into.

In 2018, we received one written complaint of racial profiling, which was withdrawn in writing by the Complainant after she was allowed to review the video recording of the traffic stop and concluded that the Officer was professional, courteous, and issued a traffic citation based on a violation of traffic law.

After conducting a review and analysis of these traffic stops, cases and searches in 2018 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. RECOMMENDATION

Receive and accept the report.

4. FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

5. TIMELINE

The report is due on March 1, 2019.

6. PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIONS TAKEN

The Council has annually received and accepted the report.

7. OTHER OPTIONS (In order of preference)
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N/A- The report is required by law.

8. ATTACHMENTS

- a. State of Texas Racial Profiling Report for 2018
- b. Total Traffic Stops for 2018 and Comparison Demographics
- c. PowerPoint- Racial Profiling Report 2018