

**AMENDMENT 3 TO RESOLVE 1-FY21**

**ESTABLISHING A STEERING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY  
VISION STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING INITIAL RECOMMENDATION IN  
RESPONSE TO SYSTEMIC RACISM**

**REGARDING AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY REVIEW OF JUNE 1 AND 2  
PROTESTS**

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**Whereas additions:**

**WHEREAS**, the tragic murder of George Floyd on May 25th, 2020 by the Police in Minneapolis Minnesota created outrage that resulted in Americans from all walks of life across the country protesting police brutality and systematic racism; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Portland from diverse backgrounds came together to organize many marches and rallies to protest George Floyd's murder, police brutalities, systematic racism, and call for change; and

**WHEREAS**, these protests and rallies in Portland were organized and led mostly by young black women and femmes from different groups and attended by cross-generational residents of Portland and across Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, during two such protests on June 1 and 2 tensions ran high between the police and protesters that led to people throwing water bottles at police officers and 23 protesters were arrested for failing to disperse;

**[Additional language of Resolve...]**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Portland City Council, do hereby request the City Manager appoint an independent third-party to conduct a thorough review of the June 1 and 2 protests and the response and actions of the Portland Police Department and other responding law enforcement agencies and make a full report to the City Council and the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution and call for review is not to indict the Portland Police Department, but an exercise to establish a full picture of the events and response, to learn from these events, and to re-establish trust with the communities that are affected and be transparent with the communities we serve.