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Ordinance amending the City Code at Title One - Administrative, Article III - Organization, various chapters, to amend references to the Bureau of Animal Care and Control to reflect its operation under the purview of the Department of Public Safety.

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Amending Title One - Administrative, Article III - Organization, Chapter 119, Department of Public Works, Section 119.02, as follows:

**CHAPTER 119: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**§ 119.01 DIRECTOR AS HEAD.**

The Department of Public Works shall be under the charge of a Director, who shall be the head thereof.

**§ 119.02 POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

The Director of Public Works shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) The planning, improvement, resurfacing, repair, cleaning and sprinkling, maintenance and lighting of streets, sidewalks and all other public ways;
- (b) The repair and maintenance and the operation of bridges and viaducts, drains, ditches, sewers, public squares and structures of every kind by City forces for public use; and
- (c) Be responsible for helping City residents maintain a clean and healthful environment;
- (d) Provide:
  - (1) For the collection and disposition of all residential solid waste;
  - (2) [The Animal Control Program]
  - [(3)] The Environmental Control Program; and
  - [(4)]3 Such other services as may be required to fulfill the purposes of the department; and
- (e) The Director of Public Works and employees so designated by the Director are authorized to enforce all Code provisions relating to animals, refuse, and noxious weeds and grass; and
- (f) Be primarily responsible for the management, planning, engineering and construction of all major capital

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construction programs;

(g) The making and preserving of all surveys, maps, plans, drawings, estimates for public work and engineering;

(h) Traffic control maintenance and traffic/transportation planning; and

(i) The Director of the Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the renovation, repairs, and maintenance functions for city-owned property.

(j) Perform any other duties assigned by the Mayor.

**Section 2. Amending Title One - Administrative, Article III - Organization, Chapter 116, Department of Public Safety, Section 116, as follows:**

**CHAPTER 116: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**§ 116.01 BUREAU CHIEFS AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**I. BUREAU CHIEFS.**

(a) The Department of Public Safety consists of the Police Bureau, the Fire Bureau, the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, the Communications Bureau, and the Bureau of Building Inspection. Each of the bureaus which make up the Department of Public Safety shall be under the charge of a Chief who shall be the head thereof and shall have the same powers as a department director as defined in Chapter 111 of this Code.

(b) Wherever the terms "Superintendent or Chief of Police", "Fire Chief" or "Director or Chief of Emergency Medical Services", "Chief, Bureau of Building Inspection", "Chief, Emergency Operations Center" or "Chief, Communications Bureau" appear elsewhere in the Pittsburgh Code, these terms shall be deemed to be equivalent to the heads of major administrative units as defined in the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter.

**(c) The Bureau of Animal Care and Control falls within the jurisdiction of the Director of Public Safety.**

**II. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

(a) In addition to the five (5) Bureau Chiefs set forth above, there shall be one (1) Director of Public Safety for the Department who shall be generally in charge of coordinating the various bureaus in addition to the specific duties and powers set forth below.

(b) Although the responsibilities of the Director of Public Safety differ from a traditional department director due to the focused scope of the powers and duties set forth herein, the position of Director of Public Safety shall also be appointed by the Mayor and shall be subject to confirmation of City Council as provided for in Section 209 of the Home Rule Charter. An acting Director of Public Safety may likewise be designated by the Mayor to serve for a period of up to ninety (90) days by written designation filed with the City Clerk and Controller.

(c) A Bureau Chief may simultaneously serve as the Director of Public Safety; however, the position is not

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required to be filled by a Bureau Chief.

**(d) The Director of Public Safety shall provide for and administer the Bureau of Animal Care and Control.**