

## **Staff Report**

### **Ordinance O-23-17**

#### **Certificate of Adequate Public Facilities-Police Protection**

The ordinance is intended to define the term “police officer” as it is used in conjunction with review criteria and certification for Adequate Public Facilities - Police Protection under Chapter 22.14.

Under the current language the definition of police officer could include the City Manager, the Public Works Director and Fire Marshals. This, in effect, could reduce the number of actual police officers required under the Adequate Public Facilities ordinance. The ordinance requires 3.2 police officers per one thousand City residents. If the current language remains the Police Department would not have adequate resources, under the current ratio, to serve the citizens of Annapolis.

The new language clarifies the term ‘police officer’ and is inline with the intention of the Adequate Public Facilities law. The new language provides police officers must be State certified and employed by the Annapolis Police Department. If passed, the Annapolis Police Department will grow with the population and in turn will be able to provide the service citizens expect.

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