

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

**A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PUBLIC SAFETY
CONCERNS WITH THE SAFE-T ACT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority as follows:

WHEREAS, the City's mission is to provide services that ensure a high quality of life, sound fiscal management, and a dynamic business environment, while creating an inclusive community that values diversity; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe and secure community for all Naperville residents and businesses is a focus of the City's priority plan; and

WHEREAS, the Naperville Police Department has been a leader in police training, policy and practice, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the City values public engagement and stakeholder involvement to ensure all perspectives are considered in the development of legislation; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the Illinois Safety, Fairness and Equity-Today Act ("SAFE-T Act") was signed into law, which imposes significant changes impacting many aspects of the criminal justice system, including pre-arrest diversion, policing, pretrial, sentencing, and corrections; and

WHEREAS, the City worked with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police to share public safety concerns about the Safe-T Act after its initial release, and during consideration of subsequent trailer bills; and

WHEREAS, the City supports certain elements of the Safe-T Act and has already implemented elements including police body cameras and use of force training; and

WHEREAS, the Safe-T Act, contains several elements that impact the ability for the City to most effectively provide police services, including, but not limited to unreasonably limiting the imposition of cash bail, unreasonably limiting police officer discretion to make arrests, imposing unreasonable police certification and decertification standards, and mandating unreasonable custodial accommodations; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for legislators to continue to work with public safety representatives and all community stakeholders to further amend the Safe-T Act to address outstanding public safety concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule authority, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Naperville encourages legislators to work with public safety representatives and all community stakeholders to fix remaining problems with the SAFE-T Act; including, but not limited to, unreasonably limiting the imposition of cash bail, unreasonably limiting police officer discretion to make arrests, imposing unreasonable police certification and decertification standards, and mandating unreasonable custodial accommodations.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST

Pam Gallahue, PhD
City Clerk

Steve Chirico
Mayor