

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-93

(Conformed Copy After Amendment No. 3)

WHEREAS, issues relating to public safety are of primary concern to all citizens of the City of Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the government of the City of Philadelphia to ensure that agencies directly responsible for public safety, particularly the Police Department, have the proper support from the government and its various agencies; and it is important that falsely accused police officers be exonerated by a credible, independent review commission as it is those that are properly accused be reviewed by a credible review commission;

WHEREAS, it is similarly incumbent upon the government of the City of Philadelphia to instill confidence in its citizenry to redress grievances against the government and its employees;

WHEREAS, annual civil judgments and settlements by the City of Philadelphia have exceeded \$10 million for the past five years in cases involving alleged incidents of misconduct or abuse of civil rights, including more than \$3 million in settlements of such cases in 1992 alone;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a civilian advisory commission in the City of Philadelphia will help to prevent future incidents of police misconduct and abuses of civil rights, reduce the amount of money needed to satisfy judgments and settlements based upon allegations of police misconduct, promote public confidence in law enforcement, and lessen the possibility that future incidents of urban unrest will occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me in accordance with Section 3-100(h) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

The Mayor's Police Advisory Commission is hereby established in the Managing Director's Office, which Office shall pay, from appropriations made to it, all the expenses of such Commission. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor. Eight (8) of the original members shall be appointed to four (4) year terms, and seven (7) shall be appointed to two (2) year terms, and all shall serve until the appointment of their successors. Persons appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the balance of the terms for which their predecessors were appointed. All other appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years. All members shall serve, as prescribed by