

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-0445

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: Finance, Rules

Date of Analysis: July 27, 2023

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment, creation of a position under the City Council Secretary

Bill Summary: The bill amends Chapter 11 of the *Ordinance Code* to create a new position titled 'Council Security Officer,' who will work under the supervision of the Council Secretary. The bill outlines a job description and assigns the position the responsibility of creating a security risk management plan, as stipulated under *Ordinance Code* Section 37.101.

Background Information: The preamble of the bill highlights an apparent lack of a security plan or procedure by the Council. This is particularly concerning in light of the recently passed HB543, which became effective on July 1, and stipulates that citizens are no longer required to obtain a concealed weapons license. The bill mentions personal safety concerns, violence, and gun-related incidents at City Hall. It also notes that the Council and City employees routinely conduct community meetings at public facilities across the City.

Policy Impact Area: Council security, department of the City Council

Fiscal Impact: The legislation authorizes and codifies the position of Council Security Officer but does not provide for funding for the position.

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