

# CITY *of* REPUBLIC

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Exhibit A

## AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

**Project/Issue Name:** Bill #05-95 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 215, Republic City Code, Offenses, Article III, Offenses Concerning Administration of Justice, Section 215.200, Refusing to Obey the Lawful Request of A Republic Police Officer, by Amending the Language to Describe Those Actions that Obstruct A Police Officer or Emergency Personnel in the Performance of Their Duties

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Duane Compton, Fire Chief

**Date:** December 12, 2005

### Issue Statement

To provide police officers and emergency personnel with a charge that can be filed to address those persons who refuse to leave an area that is involved in an investigation scene or emergency situation.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

The language of the current ordinance is not specific as to what a violation is and as such is subject to challenge since it does not address specific situations that police officers and emergency personnel may face. The proposed change would amend the language to describe those actions that obstruct a police officer or emergency personnel in the performance of their duties.

### Recommendation

The ordinance will give police officers and emergency personnel the ability to better control the scene of an investigation or emergency situation. Chief Lowe and Chief Compton request that the Board adopt the ordinance as proposed.