

ORDINANCE

By Cunningham

Amending Title 11, Chapter 214 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Health Department.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 214 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 214.60 to read as follows:

214.60 – Office of Violence Prevention. (a) *Findings and purpose.* Recognizing the broad intersection between various forms of violence and its impacts on the health of youth, family, and community, the City establishes an Office of Violence Prevention (“the OVP”). The OVP will be located within the health department and will provide strategic direction and coordination for the City of Minneapolis’s effort to reduce the risk of violence on an enterprise-wide basis through a variety of linked strategies.

(b) *Duties of the Office of Violence Prevention.* The efforts of the OVP will be focused on all matters related to violence prevention and reduction. The OVP will:

(1) Develop a Citywide comprehensive plan for violence prevention and reduction in collaboration with city departments, community stakeholders, and any relevant advisory boards or commissions, to be reviewed and updated as necessary by the OVP every three years;

(2) Oversee the city’s comprehensive plan for violence prevention and reduction;

(3) Collect, analyze, and report violence-related data from across the city enterprise;

(4) Coordinate, convene, and support advisory boards or commissions that have or may be created to focus on advancing the city’s violence prevention efforts;

(5) Coordinate, convene, and staff the city’s internal violence prevention stakeholder group; and

(6) Ensure connection with regional, state, and national efforts to reduce violence.

(c) The OVP will be advised by any advisory boards or commissions that the city council has or may create to focus on and support violence prevention and reduction.

(d) *Reporting.* The OVP will provide annual formal reports to the city council and mayor.