

History of the Consent Decree:

On April 19, 2016, the City of Ferguson, Missouri and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) entered into a Consent Decree after a 2015 DOJ investigation. DOJ issued a 102-page written report of its findings (“Report”) on March 4, 2015. The Report documents DOJ’s finding of a number of patterns or practices of unconstitutional conduct and details DOJ’s concerns about a number of Ferguson’s police and court policies and practices. While the City does not agree with every finding or opinion referenced in the Report, the City desires to focus its attention and resources on implementing a better community oriented policing model and to become an exemplar of modern community-oriented policing for the entire region and for other cities of similar size.