



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

## News Release

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### **ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On Monday night (July 23, 2018), the Fort Bragg City Council held a Closed Session and reported out regarding its unanimous vote to eliminate the Police Lieutenant position. The City's Municipal Code provides that departmental reorganization is at the sole discretion of the City Council. By eliminating the Lieutenant position, the City is able to move resources from department administration personnel to shift personnel. Savings from salary and benefits of approximately \$200,000 from the eliminated position will enable the Department to add a Community Service Officer (CSO) as well as "unfreeze" the Police Officer position not funded in Fiscal Year 2018-19, due to budgetary constraints. More "boots" on the street and increased police presence to ensure the continued safety of our City are key priorities for the City Council.

Charles Gilchrist, who held the position of Lieutenant, has accepted the recently vacated position of Police Sergeant, effective September 2, 2018, and is expected to remain with the Fort Bragg Police Department.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Tabatha Miller, City Manager, at (707) 961-2829.