

RESOLUTION # 33-2020

Resolution Prohibiting Execution of “No-Knock Warrants” in the City of Geneva

Whereas, no-knock warrants have a significant potential for harm, as evidenced in the case of Breonna Taylor of Louisville, KY; and

Whereas, legislation is pending in many jurisdictions and on the federal level that would bar any law enforcement agency receiving funds from the Department of Justice from executing any warrant that does not require the law enforcement officer serving the warrant to provide notice of his or her authority and purpose before forcibly entering a premise; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Geneva takes seriously the concerns of the public and desires to reduce and eliminate problematic police practices within the city limits;

Now therefore be it resolved, that, The City Council of the City of Geneva prohibits the direct execution of, or facilitation of execution by the Geneva Police Department, its employees and officers, of any warrant that does not require the law enforcement officer serving the warrant to provide notice of his or her authority and purpose before forcibly entering a premises.