

TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION

CHAPTER 8 POLICE PROTECTION

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3-8-1 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. A police department is hereby established to provide for the preservation of the peace and enforcement of law within the corporate limits of the City. It is the purpose of this chapter to create a police department and specify how it shall be organized and operated.

3-8-2 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP. The police department shall consist of all law enforcement officers performing duties authorized by law or ordinance. It shall be headed by a police chief appointed by the Mayor.

3-8-3 STANDARDS AND TRAINING. All police officers shall meet the minimum standards required by State law. Further, all police officers shall have received the minimum training required by State law at an approved law enforcement training school within one year of employment. The council shall provide financial assistance for such attendance.

3-8-4 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE. All police officers shall be allowed a sum per year as a uniform allowance which shall be granted in the form of the purchase of clothing meeting the standard of color, style and quality specified by the City. Any officer who leaves the city's service shall turn over all items identifiable as official uniforms, including as official uniforms, including insignia, before receiving final compensation. Such officers shall be responsible for the cleaning and repair of their uniforms to meet City requirements.

3-8-5 REMOVAL, DEMOTION AND SUSPENSION. A police officer may be removed, demoted or suspended by the police chief for violation of departmental rules or regulations, but such officer shall have the right to a hearing before the City Council. The police chief shall specify by written rules whether suspension, pay penalties, or reprimands are penalties for offenses.

3-8-6 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE. The City Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for members of the police department injured in the performance of their duties.

3-8-7 LIABILITY INSURANCE. The City Council shall contract to insure against liability of the City or members of the department for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties.

3-8-8 CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT. The City Council may contract with the County Sheriff or any other qualified lawful entity to provide law enforcement services within the City, and the Sheriff or such other entity shall have and exercise the powers and duties of the Peace Officer as provided herein or in State law. When the City Council so contracts, the provisions of

sections 3-8-1 through 3-8-7 shall be inoperable for the duration of said contract. When the City Council so contracts, then whenever this Code of Ordinances refers to the Police Department or to the Police Chief said references shall be deemed to refer to the County Sheriff and/or deputies or any other qualified lawful entity contracted to provide law enforcement services within the City in such manor as the context may require.

3-8-9 PEACE OFFICER: DUTIES. A Peace Officer has the following powers and duties subject to the approval of the Council:

1. General. Perform all duties required by law or ordinance.
2. Enforce Laws. Enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations and bring all persons committing any offense before the proper court.
3. Writs. Execute and return all writs and other processes directed to said Peace Officer.
4. Accident Reports. Report all motor vehicle accidents investigated to the State Department of Public Safety.
5. Prisoners. Be responsible for the custody of prisoners, including conveyance to detention facilities as may be required.
6. Assist Officials. When requested, provide aid to other City officers, boards and commission in the execution of their official duties.
7. Investigations. Provide for such investigation as may be necessary for the prosecution of any person alleged to have violated any law or ordinance.