

**AN ORDINANCE
NO.**

An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1 .

Article II of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that Article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article II to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-21.1. Bureaus; office of professional standards; sections.

There are hereby created the following four bureaus and respective sections within the Columbus Police Department:

- (1) Bureau of patrol services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Patrol shifts.
 - b. Special weapons and tactics.
 - c. Mobile field force.
 - d. Motor squad and bike patrol.
 - e. Honor guard.
 - f. Crisis negotiations.
- (2) Bureau of investigative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Crime scene investigations.
 - b. Special victims.
 - c. Violent Crimes.
 - d. Property Crimes.
 - e. Technology.
 - f. Special Operations.
- (3) Bureau of support services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Records section.
 - b. Desk services section.
 - c. Property and evidence section.
 - d. 911 center.
 - e. Records Room

- (4) Bureau of administrative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
- a. Community relations.
 - b. Personnel.
 - c. Training.
 - d. Recruitment.
 - e. Polygraph.
 - f. Community Policing.
 - g. Criminal Intelligence/Analysis.

Sec. 17-21.2. Office of chief of police.

The office of the chief of police shall consist of:

- (a) The chief of police.
- (b) Office of professional standards.
- (c) Planning and research.
- (d) Accreditation.
- (e) Internal investigations.
- (f) Open Records
- (g) Budget.
- (h) Chief of staff/public information officer.

Cross reference(s)—Duties of chief of police, § 17-14.

Sec. 17-21.3. Assignment of personnel.

All personnel in all sections, units and bureaus shall be assigned by the chief of police.

Sec. 17-21.4. Appointment of personnel.

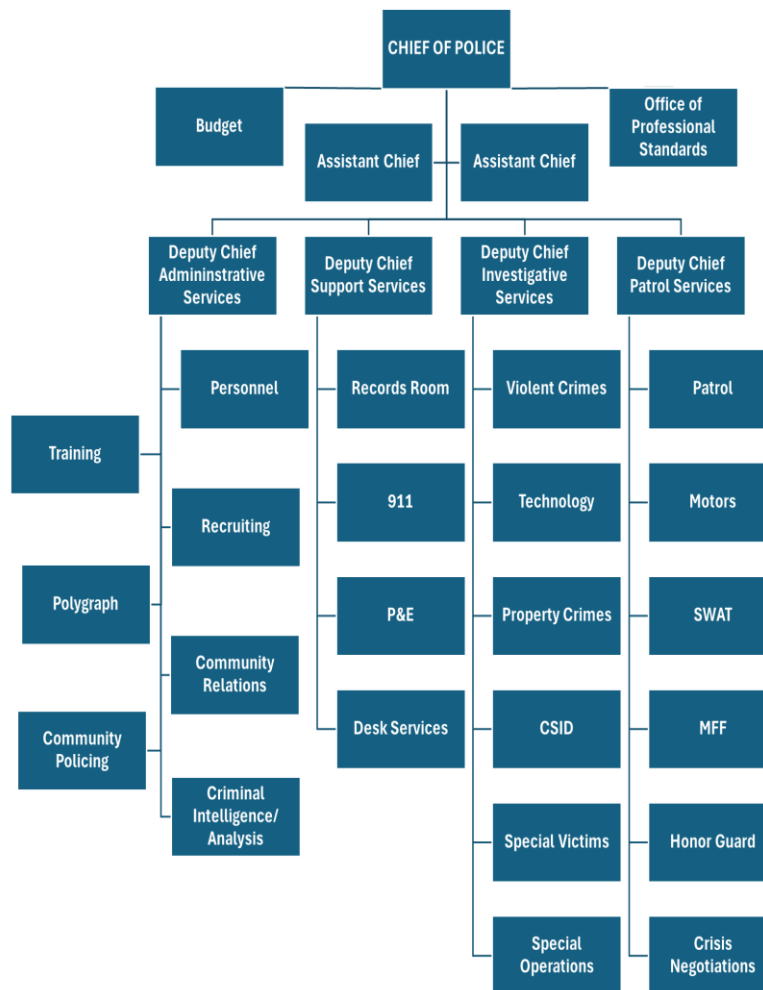
One assistant chief, appointed by the chief of police, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Support Services, and one assistant chief, appointed by the chief, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Bureau of Patrol Services.

Each bureau shall be commanded by a deputy chief, appointed by the chief of police, and shall be responsible for all non-administrative duties of their assigned bureau. Each bureau deputy chief shall report operationally to the chief of police while reporting all administrative components to their designated assistant chief.

Sec. 17-21.5. Positions confirmed in the organizational chart.

All positions in the organizational chart as set forth in section 17-21.6 herein, are hereby confirmed and made a part of the Columbus Police Department.

Sec. 17-21.6. Organizational chart.



SECTION 2.

Article IV of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article IV to read as follows:

“ARTICLE IV. APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

Sec. 17-30. Position of assistant chief of police.

- (a) The position of assistant chief of police is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) The rank of assistant chief of police is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police. To be eligible for the position of assistant chief of police, a candidate must have held the permanent rank of captain for one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for two years or the appointed rank of deputy chief for one year. To be considered eligible for this position the candidate must possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department.
- (c) The job description for assistant chief of police is hereby incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 3, 12-15-20)

Sec. 17-31. Position of deputy chief.

- (a) There is hereby created the position and rank of deputy chief in the Columbus Police Department. The job description for deputy chief is incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.
- (b) The rank of deputy chief is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police.
- (c) To be appointed to the rank of deputy chief, a candidate shall have held the permanent rank of captain for a minimum of one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for a minimum of two years and possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department. Consideration shall be given to the following:
 - (1) Leadership;
 - (2) Directing;
 - (3) Coordinating;
 - (4) Decision-making;
 - (5) Planning;
 - (6) Communicating; and
 - (7) Public relations.

Sec. 17-32. Position of chief of staff.

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to appoint a Chief of Staff to assist with the day-to-day operation of the Chief's Office.

Sec. 17-33. Position of command sergeant.

To be appointed command sergeant, a sergeant shall have held the permanent rank of sergeant for a minimum of two years and possess an associate's degree.”

SECTION 3.

Article V of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article V to read as follows:

“ARTICLE V. AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Sec. 17-34. Authorized personnel for Columbus Police Department.

- (a) There shall be a chief of police.
- (b) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized two assistant chief of police positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (c) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized four deputy chiefs, who shall be appointed by the chief of police and shall be assigned as follows:
 - (1) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of patrol services.
 - (2) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of investigative services.
 - (3) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of support services.
 - (4) Deputy chief in charge of bureau of administrative services.
- (d) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized one chief of staff who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (e) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized three command sergeant positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (h) The ranks of assistant chief, deputy chief, chief of staff/public information officer, command sergeant and corporal are appointed ranks, to be appointed by the chief of police, and any officer who fails to perform the duties of these ranks satisfactorily may at any time be reverted to his former permanent rank.
- (i) Sworn personnel.
 - (1) The following positions are hereby established as the authorized strength of the sworn personnel of the Columbus Police Department:

Chief of police.... 1
Assistant chief of police.... 2
Deputy chief.... 4
Captain.... 10

Lieutenant....	18
Chief of staff-....	1
Command sergeant....	3
Sergeant....	67
Corporal....	117
Police officer....	245

(2) The job descriptions are incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

Sec. 17-35. Police cadets.

- (a) *Position created.* The position of police cadet is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) *Qualifications.* A person seeking the position of police cadet shall possess the same minimum qualifications as a police officer except for the age requirements for initial employment as a cadet shall be the ages of 18 through 20.

Secs. 17-36—17-43. Reserved.”

SECTION 4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed as of its effective date.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of October, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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