

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 42-120 OF THE DICKINSON MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO SPECIAL BENEFIT TO RETIRING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 42-120 of the City Code of the City of Dickinson is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 42-120. Special benefit to retiring public safety employees.

(a) Retiring, full-time, sworn police officers who meet the requirements listed in this subsection will receive their service weapon as part of the service award recognition process upon retirement. In order to be eligible to receive their service weapon, the retiring officer must:

- (1) Have completed a minimum of 20 years of service with the Police Department; and
- (2) Be terminating employment with the Police Department under favorable conditions; and
- (3) Ensure that the appropriate federal firearms paperwork identifying the owner of the weapon is completed prior to actually receiving the weapon. For the purposes of this subsection, leaving under unfavorable conditions means that the City is terminating employment for cause for violation of policy, procedure or law, or termination is for medical reasons of a psychological nature.

(b) Upon retirement, a member of the City Fire Department, whether volunteer or full-time, will receive their helmet mounted to a presentation plaque in appreciation of their service to the community. To qualify, a member must have completed a minimum of ten years of service and be at least 55 years of age or completed 20 years of service with the City Fire Department.

Section 2: Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: Severability. In the event any section of this Ordinance is held invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend only to the section affected, and other sections of this Chapter shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on final passage.

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Dustin Dassinger, City Administrator

First Reading: _____, 2026

Second Reading: _____, 2026

Final Passage: _____, 2026