

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS, AMENDING ORD. 2021-16, ESTABLISHING TWO ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS, AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hewitt has adopted Civil Service, Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code for its Police Department employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 143, the City Council shall establish the classifications of employees and prescribe the number of positions in each classification pursuant to Section 143.021(a) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is amending and superseding Ordinance No. 2021-16; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that to further its lawful purposes of providing efficient and effective law enforcement staffing, it should establish two additional Police Officer positions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS, THAT

ARTICLE I.

The classifications and number of positions in each classification in the Police Department were previously as follows:

Police Chief—1
Assistant Police Chief-1¹
Lieutenant-4
Sergeant--6
Police Officer—17

Total Authorized Force: 29

¹ The occupant of this rank/classification is appointed by the Department Head, and will continue to serve in an “at will” capacity according to §143.014 of the Texas Local Government Code. The occupant possesses no civil service protection in that rank.

The classifications and number of positions in each classification in the Police Department shall now be, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, as follows:

Police Chief—1
Assistant Police Chief-1²
Lieutenant-4
Sergeant--6
Police Officer—19

Total Authorized Force: 31

ARTICLE II.

Severability: If any provision, section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or un-enforced, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or its application shall not be affected, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion, provision, or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by way of reasons of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision, or regulation.

ARTICLE III.

Repealer: All other ordinances, section, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Hewitt in conflict with the provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated.

ARTICLE IV.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ARTICLE V.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law.

²See footnote 1.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael W. Dixon, City Attorney