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## TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2024-44, Concerning the Administration of Oaths of Office by the Chief of Police.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Resolution No. 2024-44

**PRESENTED BY:** Jeff Strossner, Chief of Police

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is a resolution to authorize the Chief of Police to administer the Oath of Office to police department personnel.

Taking the law enforcement oath of office is often recognized as a near sacred event establishing the authority of the peace officer. The Chief of Police seeks to formally administer the oath of office to new hire Town of Johnstown Police Department (JPD) officers and those who are newly promoted. The tradition of being sworn in followed by a badge pinning ceremony celebrates and commemorates the officer's entrance into employment with the JPD and acceptance of the responsibilities. For those being promoted, the oath symbolizes a career milestone and the acceptance of greater responsibility assumed by promotion. Currently these oaths of office are administered by the Town Clerk.

Colorado CRS § 24-12-103 defines who may administer oaths or affirmations. In addition to specific job titles, such as judge, justice, clerk and deputy clerk, the law allows "a person designated by the governing body" to administer oaths. The attached resolution designates, "...the Chief of Police of the Town of Johnstown Police Department to administer oaths of office to Town police officers, code enforcement officers, and all other law enforcement personnel subject to an oath of office...".

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**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- Organizational Excellence & Public Trust
  - *Strengthen public trust and confidence*
  - *Be an employer of choice that attracts dedicated team members, passionate about Johnstown*
- Safe & Welcoming community
  - *Provide and maintain public safety services and awareness in our community*

**LEGAL ADVICE:**

The Town Attorney prepared the resolution.

**FINANCIAL ADVICE:**

NA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2024-44.

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*Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,*



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Town Manager