

Chapter 2.16 - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sections:

2.16.010 - Chief of Police—Powers and duties.

The Police Department shall be under the direction and control of the Chief of Police, subject to the direction of the Mayor. The Chief shall be responsible for supervision of the investigation of all violations of City ordinances or state law which come to the Chief's knowledge. So long as the individual is in the custody of the Police Department, the Chief or designee thereof shall have charge of the prisoners. The Chief and other members of the department with authority to detain or arrest, shall have charge of the individual(s) until released or booked into a medical or correctional facility.

(Ord. 333 § 1, 1974; Ord. 742 § 3, 2007; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.020 - Chief of Police—Execution of lawful orders.

The lawful orders of the Chief of Police shall be promptly executed by members of the department. Every citizen shall lend members of the Police Department aid, when required, for the arrest of offenders and maintenance of public peace, safety, and order. Appointment of other members of the department, including officers, shall be carried out in compliance with the applicable provisions of this code, including those relating to civil service, or written resolution of the City Council.

(Ord. 333 § 1, 1974; Ord. 742 § 4, 2007; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.050 - Chief of Police—Other services.

The Chief of Police shall perform such other services and duties as the council by ordinance or resolution may require or authorize.

(Ord. 333 § 1, 1974; Ord. 742 § 5, 2007; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.080 - Police Reserve Force—Created—Membership.

There is a Police Reserve Force of such number as may be authorized by written resolution of the City Council. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police. Appointment to, service upon, and removal from the Police Reserve Force shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be established by written resolution of the City Council.

(Ord. 333 § 1, 1974; Ord. 742 § 6, 2007; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.090 - Police Reserve Force—Duties.

The duties of the police reserve force are to supplement the regular police force in event of a major disaster affecting citizens of the City; to aid in the control of traffic and maintenance of order at parades, and generally policing of large assemblies of people, and in case of a declared emergency to assist the regular police in the protection of life, property, and preservation of peace and order, and such other authority, including police duties, as the Chief of Police may authorize, upon approval of the Mayor.

(Ord. 333 § 1, 1974; Ord. 742 § 7, 2007; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.200 - Chief of Police—Authority granted to city.

It is the intention of the City by the adoption of this section to exercise to the maximum extent allowed by law the authority granted by state law so as to create an alternative procedure of designating, selecting and dealing in all ways with the position of the Chief of Police, and that such procedure shall not be subject to [Chapter 2.56](#) of this title in any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to methodology of selection, establishment of terms and conditions of employment, methodology and justification for removal, basis for discipline, and methodology for appeal.

(Ord. 618 § 3, 1995; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.210 - Chief of Police—Appointment.

Prior to the appointment of a Chief of Police, the Mayor shall:

- A. Establish the qualifications required of any applicant to the Office of Chief and advertise the same within the department and in at least the City's official (or designated) newspaper or an online employment board. If a newspaper is used, it should be of one of which may be the legal newspaper previously referenced and at least one of which shall be published within this County;
- B. Carry forth such program and type of testing as is determined, in the judgment of the Mayor, to best meet the goal of the selection process, to-wit: the selection of a well-qualified individual to serve in the position of Chief of Police;
- C. Select and appoint an applicant and either:
 1. Negotiate the terms of an employment contract with such designee as may be acceptable to the Mayor and submit the appointee's name and contract terms to the City Council for confirmation pursuant to the provision of [Section 2.08.010](#) of this title, or
 2. Select and appoint an applicant pursuant to the provisions of [Section 2.08.010](#) of this title, and, upon confirmation, the new Chief of Police shall be compensated as provided in the annual City budget and receive

the same fringe benefits program provided to other City department heads. Other benefits, including holiday, vacation and sick leave benefits shall be those provided by this code, as currently written or hereafter amended.

(Ord. 618 § 4, 1995; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)

2.16.220 - Chief of Police—Removal.

In the event the Mayor determines it necessary and appropriate to remove a Chief of Police appointed pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance codified in this title, then such removal shall be made in the sole discretion of the Mayor pursuant to [Section 2.08.020](#) of this title.

(Ord. 618 § 5, 1995; Ord. XXX § 2, 2023)