

CITY OF PORT LAVACA
PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 24- LAW ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

24-1 Creation of department; jurisdiction.

There is hereby created a Police department of the City of Port Lavaca, at the head of which shall be the Chief of Police. The Police Department shall be comprised of the Chief of Police and other officers and employees as the City Council may provide. The jurisdiction of the Department shall be the corporate limits of the City and that property lying outside the city limits which is owned by the City.

24-2 Certification; compliance with state requirements

No person will be certified as a Police Officer who has not complied with the basic requirements established by the state for Police Officers and by the city acting through the Chief of Police.

24-3 Chief of Police

(a) The Police Department of the city shall consist of the Chief of Police and such members as the City Council may provide.

(b) The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the City Manager with Council approval.

(c) The Chief of Police shall carry out the functions of the Police Department relating to public safety and enforcement of ordinances , state and federal laws; organize the Police Department of the city in conformity with he laws of the state and ordinances of the city; and shall promulgate policies, procedures, rules, directives and orders for the administration of the department, including but not limited to the discipline within the department.

24-4 Authority and duties of Police Officers.

(a) Individual officers constituting the city Police Department are vested with all the power and authority given to them as peace officers under the laws of the state. Inherent with this power and authority is the obligation to preserve the peace, to enforce the ordinances and regulations of the city, the laws of the state and of the United States, to take legal custody of offenders and to secure the citizens from violence.

(b) All personnel of the police department shall be bound by the most current directives, orders, rules, regulations and procedures for the operation of the Police Department as may be promulgated or as hereinafter amended by the Chief of Police, and failure to abide thereby shall subject the violating personnel to such disciplinary action as may be determined by the Chief of Police within the limits of state law and city ordinance.