

CHAPTER 10

Police Protection

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Section 10.1 Department created; chief of police

There is created a police department for the municipality which shall consist of the chief of police and as many policemen as may be deemed necessary for safety and good order. (Ordinance No. 4 of 1986; Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

Section 10.1A Assistant chief of police; appointment, qualifications, grounds for removal

- (a) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)
- (b) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)
- (c) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)
- (d) (Ordinance No. 15 of 1994; Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

Section 10.2 Department rules and regulations

- (a) (Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)
- (b) (Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

Section 10.3 Additional duties of the chief of police

- (a) In addition to the powers, duties, and responsibilities imposed upon the chief of police and marshal of this municipality, by the laws of this state, the chief of police shall also perform the duties enumerated in this section. (Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)
- (b) The chief of police shall:
 - (1) Execute and return all writs and processes as directed by the mayor.

- (2) Service criminal writs and processes in the parish.
- (3) Within the municipality, suppress all riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace; apprehend all disorderly persons; pursue and arrest any person fleeing from justice; and apprehend any person in the act of violating the laws of the state or the code of this municipality and bring him before competent authority for examination and trial.
- (4) Render such accounts of the police department, his duties, department operations and receipts as may be required by the council and keep records of the department and his office open to public inspection at all times.
- (5) Keep and maintain a jail record book. He shall be responsible for keeping the jail record book current; insuring that the book contains a record of each occasion on which a person is booked in or discharged from the parish jail.
- (6) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)
- (7) Whenever he makes any arrest, request the mayor or in his absence, the mayor pro-tempore, to fix the amount of the appearance bond prior to releasing any arrested person, unless the amount is previously established by a uniform bond schedule adopted by the mayor's court. The chief of police shall also obtain the approval of any and all appearance bonds, other than a cash bond or driver's license, by the mayor or in his absence, the mayor pro-tempore, prior to the release of any person arrested by the chief of police. The chief of police shall insure that the same procedure on appearance bonds is followed and adhered to by the policemen of this municipality.
- (8) Have no authority to hire policemen. He shall, however, make recommendations on the hiring of policemen to the mayor and council. (Amended by Ordinance 10 of 2002)
- (9) Whenever a policeman is fired or suspended from his employment by the municipality, be responsible for the return of all property of the municipality by the terminated or suspended policeman.
- (10) Be responsible for the custody of all items of property seized in connection with an arrest made by him or by the policemen of this municipality. The chief of police shall insure that such items of property, and all drivers' licenses surrendered in lieu or as bond, are promptly delivered to the court of proper jurisdiction when requested to do so. (Amended by Ordinance 10 of 2002)
- (11) Attend, or have a representative attend, all regular meetings of the mayor and council. He shall also attend, or have a representative, special meetings of the mayor and council when requested to do so by the mayor.
- (12) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

(13) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

(c) Subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth below, the chief of police shall have control and supervision over the property and equipment of the police department.

(1) The chief of police, nor any member of the police department shall not dispose of or convert to private use any property or equipment of the police department.

(2) (Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

(3) All property and equipment of the police department shall be used for law enforcement. The use of any police property or equipment for such purpose shall neither cease nor be discontinued without a recommendation of the chief of police and the approval of the mayor and council. (Amended by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

(4) The chief of police shall be responsible for maintaining the property and equipment of the police department in a good state of repair. (Ordinance No. 5 of 1989)

Section 10.4 Additional duties of police officers

Each policeman of the police department shall:

(1) Perform all duties as required by law.

(2) Suppress all riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace; apprehend all disorderly persons in this municipality; and pursue and arrest any person fleeing from justice who may be apprehended within the municipality.

(3) Report offenses as may come to their knowledge to the proper municipal official, or they shall report to the mayor, securing a warrant for the arrest of offenders as shall be directed.

(4) Execute and return all writs and processes to them directed by the mayor in any action arising under this code.

(5) (Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

(6) (Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

(7) (Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

(8) Make all current and proper entries in the jail record book during their duty shifts.

(9) Perform duties set forth in Section 10.3(10) in regard to items of property seized in connection with all arrests made during his duty shift.

(10) (Deleted by Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

(11) Without limitation on the foregoing duties and responsibilities, enforce all ordinances of the municipality and all applicable state laws. (Ordinance No. 5 of 1989)

Section 10.5 Oath of office

Before entering upon the duties of his office, each police officer shall take an subscribe to an oath that he will support the constitution and laws of the state, the Constitution of the United States, and the code of this municipality and that he will faithfully perform the duties of the office upon which he is about to enter. (Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Ordinance No. 10 of 2002)

Section 10.6 Uniforms

Every police officer shall wear at all times, while on duty, a uniform of the type and quality prescribed by the chief of police. (Ordinance No. 4 of 1986; Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Amended; Amended by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

Section 10.7 Vehicles

(Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

Section 10.8 Enforcement of chapter

(Ordinance No. 5 of 1989; Deleted by Ordinance 10 of 2002)

Section 10.9 Witness fees to off-duty police officers

(a) Whenever a municipal police officer is required to be present as a witness in a case being tried in Mayor's Court in an official capacity, he shall receive from municipal funds the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each case for which his presence in court is required and for which he is present. In no case shall an officer receive more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in any one day, regardless of the number of cases for which he is required to be present. (Ordinance No.

4 of 2001; Ordinance No. 10 2002; Ordinance 3 of 2005)

(b) As used in this section, "municipal police officer" includes a compensated municipal police officer if he is required to be present in court during any time when he is otherwise not required to report to work or perform the duties of his office and an auxiliary municipal police officer. (Ordinance No. 6 of 1986; Ordinance No. 10 2002; Ordinance 3 of 2005)