

CHAPTER 17

POLICE

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ARTICLE I. POLICE DEPARTMENT

17-1-1. Department established; composition. There is hereby established a department of the city which shall be known as the Police Department. This department shall be under the supervision and control of the Chief of Police of the Police Department, by and with the consent of the City Council and shall consist of the Chief and such other employees as the City Council may, from time to time, provide.

17-1-2. Management and control. The Chief of Police shall have the full management and control of the Police Department subject to all regulations and orders promulgated by the Police Committee with the concurrence of the City Council.

17-1-3. Police Chief; employee of city. The Chief of Police shall be hired by the City Council and shall be an employee of the city.

17-1-4. Police Chief; powers and duties. (a) The Chief of Police shall devote his entire time to the discharge of the duties of his office, and shall be charged with the preservation of the peace, order, safety and cleanliness of the city, and with the duty of protecting the rights of persons and property, and enforcing all ordinances and orders of the City Council.

(b) The Chief of Police shall take notice of all nuisances, obstructions and defects in the streets and alleys or other public places of the city, and shall cause the same to be abated or removed, or immediate notice thereof given to the proper officer whose duty it may be.

(c) The Chief of Police shall promptly report to the Mayor or the Chairman of the Police Committee of the City Council any member of the police force who may be guilty of drunkenness, neglect of duty, disobedience of orders, or violation of the standing rules and regulations of the Police Department; and during the pending of formal charges against any police officer on the force, the Chief of Police may suspend such police officer from duty until such charges can be investigated. In order to enforce discipline, the Chief of Police may

temporarily suspend any member of the Police Department from duty, or impose any other appropriate penalty for any breach of discipline by a member.

(d) The chief of Police shall execute all orders of the City Council and shall execute all warrants or other legal process, required to be executed by him under any ordinances by the city.

17-1-5. Record of arrests. The Chief of Police shall keep books of record of the Police Department, and of all persons arrested or committed by the police, showing the time and place of each arrest, the offense for which the same was made, the judge or court before whom such person was tried, and the disposition of each case.

17-1-6. Reports to City Council. The Chief of Police shall, as often as is required by the City Council, make written reports to the Council showing the number of arrests made by the police force during the period since the last report, the name of each person arrested, the police officer making the arrest, the offense charged, the judge before whom tried, the disposition of the case, the amount of fine imposed, if any, and the amount of fine collected.

17-1-7. Keeping of books, records and property. The Chief of Police shall have the care, custody and control of all books, records, equipment and other property belonging to the Police Department, and of all items seized and retained by the police authority. Upon his resignation or the termination of his employment for any other reason, he shall surrender to his successor all books, records, equipment and property, of every description, in his possession, belonging to the city, or pertaining to the Police Department.

17-1-8. Appointment, termination. An applicant for police officer shall submit an application and a waiver therefore allowing a criminal background investigation. Prior to appointment, all proposed employees shall be fingerprinted and their fingerprints sent into the Bureau of Identification. No person shall be appointed as a full-time police officer if they have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. The appointment and the termination of a full-time police officer is subject to approval by the City Council.

(a) Probationary police officer – a police officer must successfully complete minimum basic training requirements set by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Police officer must also successfully complete a 90 day probationary period immediately following the completion of police training.

(b) Permanent police officer – a police officer who has successfully completed police training and the 90 day probationary period is permanently employed as a police officer.

17-1-9. Powers and duties of police force. (a) Members of the police force, when on duty, shall devote their entire time to the proper discharge of the duties of their stations according to the laws and ordinances of the city, and the rules and regulations of the Police Department. It shall be their duty to preserve order, peace and quiet, and to enforce the ordinances throughout the city.

(b) Members of the Police Department shall have power to arrest as prescribed by state law.

(c) Members of the Police Department shall have power and authority, within the city, to serve and execute warrants or other legal process for the apprehension and commitment of person charged with, or held for the commission of any crime or misdemeanor, or the violation of any law or ordinance of the city.

17-1-10. Uniforms and badges. (a) The members of the police force shall wear a uniform, which shall be of such material and pattern as may be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

(b) Each police officer shall, upon being hired, be supplied by the city with a badge, and a copy of the rules and regulations established for the government of the Police Department.

(c) Upon the resignation or termination of employment of a police officer for any reason, they shall immediately deliver to the Chief of Police, for the use of the city, his badge, uniforms, duty gear, equipment, and all papers and effects, in his possession, belonging to the city, or pertaining to their office.

17-1-11. Extra duty. Whenever in the judgment of the Mayor or of the Chief of Police, it shall be deemed for the best interest of the welfare of the city that members of the Police Department off duty shall be recalled to extra duty, they or each of them shall have authority so to do and to designate which member shall be so recalled. It shall thereupon be the duty of any member so called to report for duty at the time and place specified in the call and to serve the extra hours or period ordered.

17-1-12. Compensation. The compensation of the Chief of Police and the other members of the Police Department shall be set from time to time by the City Council.

17-1-13. Discharge or suspension of police officer. The City Council by a majority vote of the corporate authorities may discharge or suspend for a period of up to 30 days, with or without pay, any police officer, including the Chief of Police, at anytime for a violation of any of the rules and regulations governing the Police Department promulgated by the Police Committee with the concurrence of the City Council. Prior to any action by the City Council, the Chairman of the Police Committee shall notify the police officer in writing as to what rule or regulation he has violated. The Police Committee shall then submit the violation to the City Council with its recommendation. The City Council may approve the recommendation of the Police Committee or may impose any lesser penalty that it deems appropriate under the circumstances. No written charges, other than those provided herein, nor opportunity to be heard, shall be necessary prior to action by the City Council.

ARTICLE II. PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

17-2-1. Appointment, termination. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to appoint part-time police officers, as employees, subject to the approval of the City Council. Prior appointment, all proposed part-time police officers shall be fingerprinted and their fingerprints sent into the Bureau of Identification. No person shall be appointed as a part-time police officer if he/she has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. The appointment of any part-time police officer may be terminated by the Chief of Police.

17-2-2. Powers and Duties. Part-time police officers shall have the same powers and duties as full-time police officers. Part-time police officers shall not be assigned to a supervisory position.

17-2-3. Hiring Standards. Part-time police officers shall be trained under the Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officer's In-Service Training Act in accordance with the procedures for part-time police officers established by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.