

TITLE 6

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders. All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue. (1983 Code, § 1-501)

6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1983 Code, § 1-502)

6-103. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the governing body shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment. (1983 Code, § 1-503)

6-104. When policemen to make arrests. Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

¹Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

(1) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.

(2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has a reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1983 Code, § 1-504)

6-105. Policemen may require assistance. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary. (1983 Code, § 1-505)

6-106. Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested for any offense other than involving public drunkenness, he shall be brought before the municipal court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. However, any person arrested for a traffic violation who has in his lawful possession a valid driver's license issued by the State of Tennessee or any other state or territory or the District of Columbia shall have the option of depositing his driver's license with the officer or court demanding bail or other security, unless the penalty for the violation includes the mandatory revocation of the driver's license for a period of time. When an arrested person is drunk or when the municipal judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender is not able to post the required bond, he shall be confined or the offender may, in the discretion of the officer, be cited to appear before the municipal court at a day and time certain, without the requirement of an appearance bond. (1983 Code, § 1-506)

6-107. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing:

(1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.

(2) All arrests made by policemen.

(3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1983 Code, § 1-507)