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CHAPTER 1

POLICE AND ARREST

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6-101. Composition and organization of the police department. The police department shall consist of the chief of police, an assistant chief of police, and such number of subordinate officers and personnel as the board of commissioners may provide for by this chapter, or as the city manager shall appoint with the approval of the board of commissioners.

The chief of police shall have control of the patrolmen and other officers and employees constituting the police force and the police department and all policemen and members of the police department shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue. (1984 Code, § 1-401)

6-102. Responsibilities of the chief and assistant chief. The chief of police shall devote his entire time to the maintenance and preservation of the peace, good order, and cleanliness of the city. He shall aid, to the fullest extent of his ability, in the enforcement of all special laws relating to the city and all

1Municipal code reference
   Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 7.
ordinances thereof. He shall have general charge of the city jail and the
prisoners therein. He shall keep an account of the duties performed by each
member and note all absences from duty and the cause of same. He shall report
all violations of rules and regulations of the police department to the city
manager, together with the names of the witnesses to the facts. He shall render
a monthly report to the city manager showing in detail the operations of his
department. In the absence of the chief of police, the assistant chief of police
shall act in his stead and shall have the same duties and responsibilities. (1984
Code, § 1-402)

6-103. Responsibilities of policemen generally. It shall be the duty
of the chief of police, the assistant chief of police, the patrolmen, and other
members of the police department, to prevent crime, to detect and arrest
offenders, to suppress riots, to protect the rights of persons and property, to
guard the public health by seeing that nuisances are removed, to restrain
disorderly, bawdy, and gambling houses, to assist, advise, and protect strangers
and travelers upon the streets, to execute any and all manner of processes upon
persons or property, to arrest upon sight any person who shall be guilty of a
breach of the ordinances of the city or a crime against the laws of the State of
Tennessee, to assist the city court during the trial of cases, to promptly serve
any legal processes issued by the court, and to do whatever else may be required
of them by the board of commissioners. (1984 Code, § 1-403)

6-104. Policemen to be armed, uniformed, etc. All members of the
police department, when on duty, shall wear such uniforms, hats, and badges
as the city manager may determine, 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, and shall, in general, deport themselves in keeping
with their positions. (1984 Code, § 1-404)

6-105. Arrest powers; interference with policemen. In making
arrests, policemen and other members of the police department shall be clothed
with the same powers and governed by the same restrictions as state officers in
like cases. If any person resists or obstructs an officer, by force or threat, in the
discharge of his duties, such person shall be subject to a penalty under the
general penalty clause for this municipal code. (1984 Code, § 1-405)

6-106. Authority of police to use force. To make an arrest, either
with or without a warrant, or to investigate disturbances, a policeman or other
member of the police force may break open any outer or inner door or window
of a dwelling house or other building if, after notice of his official authority and
purpose, he is refused admittance, provided that all arrests shall be made
without using boisterous or abusive language and without violence unless the
use of force is necessary to make the arrest. (1984 Code, § 1-406)
6-107. Attendance at board meetings. The chief of police or, in his absence, one of the policemen, shall be present at the meetings of the board of commissioners and whenever requested by the board or by the city manager. (1984 Code, § 1-407)

6-108. Police to report defective streets, new buildings, defective street lights, etc.; to inspect businesses. It shall be the further duty of each member of the police force to make a report to the city manager of all defective and dangerous sidewalks, streets, bridges, or obstructions in streets, alleys or parkways, and to report all new buildings under construction or street lights or contractor's signals not burning, all new taxable businesses started, and to make said reports as soon as possible. When required by the city manager, they shall make an inspection of all businesses being conducted in the city which are subject to privilege taxes. (1984 Code, § 1-408)

6-109. Record to be kept of persons arrested. The chief of police shall see that every person arrested for violating any ordinance of the city gives to the department a description of himself or herself, which said description shall include the name, age, address, and height and any other information necessary. This description shall be numbered and placed on file in the department. (1984 Code, § 1-409)

6-110. Daily record to be kept. It shall be the duty of the chief of police to keep in the city hall a police blotter and comprehensive and detailed daily record showing the following:

1. All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.
2. All arrests made by policemen, the name of each person arrested, the offense, the name of the witnesses, and whether the accused has been committed to jail or bail taken.
3. All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1984 Code, § 1-410)
CHAPTER 2
WORKHOUSE

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6-201. County jail to be used.
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6-201. **County jail to be used.** The county jail is hereby designated as the municipal workhouse, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the county. (1984 Code, § 1-601)

6-202. **Inmates to be worked.** All persons committed to the workhouse, to the extent that their physical condition shall permit, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners. (1984 Code, § 1-602)

6-203. **Compensation of inmates.** Each workhouse inmate shall be allowed five dollars ($5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines assessed against him. (1984 Code, § 1-603)