TITLE 6

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CHAPTER 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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6-101. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is established a police department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the city and shall be and remain the property of the city. The police department shall be composed of a chief and such number of physically fit subordinate officers as the city shall hire.

This provision shall not be read to preclude police department use of funds that are provided by statute or available through grants provided that acquisition of such funds and their expenditure are approved by the board of mayor and aldermen.

6-102. Objectives. The police department shall have as its objectives:

(1) To detect and suppress criminal activities within the City of Blaine.
(2) To prevent and/or end breaches of the peace within the confines of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and the Constitution of the United States.
(3) To enforce the criminal and motor vehicle laws and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Tennessee, and the municipal ordinances of the City of Blaine.
(4) To aid in the prosecution of persons found violating the laws of the United States, the State of Tennessee, or the ordinances of the City of Blaine.
To work with the community to maintain a high quality of life.

To render aid in time of need to the limits of officer training and adjustment.

6-103. **Organization, rules, and regulations.** The chief of police shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules, regulations, policies and procedures as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the police department, consistent with the personnel rules and regulations, the city's safety manual, and any other city-wide policies or rules duly adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen.

6-104. **Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The chief of police shall be fully responsible for the training of police officers. The minimum training shall consist of that which is required pursuant to statute by the Tennessee Police Officer Standards and Training Commission, state and federal regulatory agencies, such as OSHA, and City of Blaine policies and requirements.

6-105. **Police officers subject to chief's orders.** All police officers shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue.

6-106. **Police officers to preserve law and order, etc.** Police officers shall preserve law and order within the city. They shall patrol the city and shall assist the city, state, and federal courts during the trial of cases. Police officers shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court.

6-107. **Police officers to wear uniforms and be armed.** All police officers shall wear such uniform and badge as the board of mayor and aldermen shall authorize and shall be armed with approved weapons at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for special assignments or specialized duty.

6-108. **When police officers to make arrests.** Unless otherwise authorized or directed by this code or applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a police officer in the following cases:

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 an officer has probable cause to believe that a felony has been committed and the person committed it.
All arrests made by officers of the Blaine Police Department shall be made in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and the Constitution of the United States.

6-109. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record in the permanent form, showing:

(1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.
(2) All arrests made by police officers.
(3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department.
(4) Such other information as may be required by state or federal laws.

6-110. General orders. The chief of police shall be responsible for adopting, revising and enforcing the Blaine Police Department General Orders on an as needed basis.