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**6-101. Police and fire committee.** The committee shall receive and duly consider all complaints concerning these departments, and whenever any complaint shall seem well founded, the committee shall bring the same to the attention of the council accompanied by all statements and reports as to the facts. (1968 Code, § 1-401, modified)

**6-102. Dismissal and appeal of police officers.** The police and fire committee shall have power to discharge any member of the police force for non-performance of duty or for violation of any regulation, rule of conduct, ordinance, or state law; provided, however, that if the aggrieved party feels that the action taken by the committee is unjustified, he may appeal to the next regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1968 Code, § 1-402)

**6-103. General regulations and rules of conduct.** All members of the police force shall, so far as possible, familiarize themselves with the city, e.g., streets, buildings, localities, etc. They shall be courteous and obliging; they shall make arrests without the use of any violent or profane language; they shall treat all prisoners humanely; and they shall not use violence in making arrests, except where it becomes absolutely necessary. (1968 Code, § 1-403)

**6-104. Prohibited conduct.** If any police officer shall visit any house of ill fame or lewdness, or any inmate thereof, or enter any drinking or gambling establishment, until actually called thereto or therein by and in the discharge of his duty, or shall be guilty of drinking or being under the influence of any spirituous or intoxicating liquors, he shall be promptly and summarily dismissed. Police officers shall especially abstain from engaging in political

discussions or taking any conspicuous part in elections other than to preserve peace at the polls. (1968 Code, § 1-404)

**6-105. Police officers subject to police 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. (1968 Code, § 1-405)

**6-106. Police officers to preserve law and order, etc.** Police officers shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Police officers shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1968 Code, § 1-406)

**6-107. Police officers to wear uniforms and be armed.** All police officers 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. (1968 Code, § 1-407)

**6-108. When police officers 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 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 a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1968 Code, § 1-408)

**6-109. 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 police officers.
- (3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1968 Code, § 1-411)