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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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6-101. Administration. (1) The police force shall be composed of a chief of police and such officers, detectives, patrolmen, and other employees as the city manager shall determine.

(2) The chief of police shall have control of the officers, detectives, patrolmen, and other employees constituting the police force under such rules and regulations as the city manager shall prescribe or approve.

(3) The chief of police shall have the right to suspend any of the officers, detectives, patrolmen, and other employees under his management and control. If any such person be suspended, the chief shall certify the fact, together with the cause for the suspension to the city manager, who shall hold a hearing as provided in this section. (1971 Code, § 1-501, as amended by Ord. #975, April 1995)

6-102. Special officers. No person shall act as a special policeman, special detective, or other special police officer for any purpose whatsoever, except by authority from the Director of Public Safety. Such authority shall be

¹Charter reference

Police force: art. 17.

Municipal code reference

Miscellaneous police and fire department provisions: §§ 15-301--15-304.

exercised only under the direction and control of the chief of police and for a specified time. (1971 Code, § 1-502)

6-103. Bonds. The chief of police, each policeman, and special policemen, shall be bonded in such sum as shall be determined by the city manager. (1971 Code, § 1-503)

6-104. Uniforms and equipment. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the city manager shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief of police for a special assignment. (1971 Code, § 1-504)

6-105. General duties of policemen. 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. (1971 Code, § 1-505)

6-106. Arrests.¹ 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:

- (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.

It shall be unlawful for any male person to willfully refuse to aid a policeman in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary to make the arrest. (1971 Code, § 1-506)

6-107. Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested for any offense other than one involving drunkenness he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the arrested person is drunk or when the city judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender is not able to post the required bond, he shall be confined. (1971 Code, § 1-507)

¹Charter references

Municipal court: art. 8.

Police force: art. 17.

Municipal code references

Arrests and other police powers: title 3 and title 20, chapter 4.

6-108. 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. (1971 Code, § 1-508)