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6-101. Creation and supervision. There is hereby created a police department of the City of Belle Meade, over which department the city manager shall have administrative supervision, authority, direction, and control. Subject to the administrative supervision, authority, direction, and control of the city manager, the department shall be under the direct supervision of the chief of police, who shall be responsible to the city manager for all activities of the police department. (Ord. 51-5, § 1. 1987 Code, § 1-301)

6-102. Membership. The police department shall consist of such number of patrolmen and other officers as shall be provided by ordinance. The salaries of members of the police department shall be set by resolution.

The chief of police and other members of the police department, as provided for herein, shall be appointed by and serve under the city manager and he shall have authority to employ and discharge them. (Ord. 51-5, § 2, modified. 1987 Code, § 1-302)

¹Municipal code reference

Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 7.

State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 6, chapter 21, part 6.

6-103. Duties. It shall be the duty of the chief of police and of the members of the police force to preserve order in the city; protect the inhabitants and property owners therein from violence, crime, and criminal acts; prevent the commission of crime, violation of law, and the city ordinances; and perform all the duties generally discharged by police, including patrolling the streets and public ways of the city to discourage and apprehend violators of the state safety regulations. (Ord. 51-5, § 3. 1987 Code, § 1-303)

6-104. Emergency assistance. In time of riot or other emergency, the police force may be increased by the mayor of the City of Belle Meade, who shall be authorized to summon any number of inhabitants of the city to assist the police force. (Ord. 51-5, § 4, modified. 1987 Code, § 1-304)

6-105. Enforcement of state traffic laws. The chief of police and the patrolmen of the City of Belle Meade shall, whenever it may be necessary for the enforcement of the state traffic laws, procure the issuance of warrants, serve the same, and appear in the court of general sessions and/or the criminal court of Davidson County, as prosecutors, relieving complaining citizens insofar as is practicable of instituting proceedings, or appearing as witnesses in cases involving violation of the state traffic laws and safety regulations, but this section shall not be construed as relieving any person from the duty of appearing in court or testifying in any case. (Ord. 51-5, § 5. 1987 Code, § 1-305)

6-106. Appointment as deputy sheriff. The chief of police and the patrolmen of the City of Belle Meade may, in addition to their status as police, also be commissioned officers of the police department of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and hold such office. (Ord. 51-5, § 6, modified. 1987 Code, § 1-306)

6-107. When policemen to make arrests¹. 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. (1987 Code, § 1-307)

6-108. 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. (1987 Code, § 1-308)