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6-101. Chief subject to direction. The police chief shall be under the supervision of and subject to the direction of the board of mayor and aldermen (2004 Code, § 6-101)

6-102. 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. (2004 Code, § 6-102)

6-103. Police officers to preserve law and order, etc. Police officers shall preserve law and order within the town. They shall patrol the town and shall assist the town court during the trial of cases. Police officers shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the town court. (2004 Code, § 6-103)

6-104. Police officers to wear uniform. All police officers shall wear such uniform and badge and carry such weapons as the governing body shall

¹Municipal code references

Escape from custody or confinement: § 11-501.

Impersonating a government officer or employee: § 11-502.

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

authorize at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment. (2004 Code, § 6-104)

6-105. 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 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; or
- (3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (2004 Code, § 6-105)

6-106. Disposition of persons arrested. (1) For code or ordinance violations. Unless otherwise provided by law, a person issued a citation for a violation of this code or other town ordinances may be brought before the town court for appropriate disposition.

(2) Felonies or misdemeanors. A person arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state law and the rules of the court which has jurisdiction over the offender. (2004 Code, § 6-106, modified)

6-107. Citations in lieu of arrest.¹ Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 7-63-101 *et seq.*, the board of mayor and aldermen appoints the building inspector a special police officer having the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest. The building inspector shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the building and utility codes adopted in title 12 of this municipal code of ordinances.

The citation in lieu of arrest shall contain the name and address of the person being cited and such other information necessary to identify and give the person cited notice of the charges against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him. The citation shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the special police officer may seek the assistance of a police officer who may arrest the offender and dispose of him in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 7-63-104.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his or her written promise to appear in court after giving the promise to an officer upon the issuance of a

¹Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued.

Any person violating his or her written promise to appear in court after giving the promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, will be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or the maximum amount permitted by state law, whichever is greater, for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day of violation. (2004 Code, § 6-107, as amended by Ord. #2015-3, April 2015)

6-108. Police department records. The police chief shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing at a minimum:

- (1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits;
- (2) All arrests made by police officers; and
- (3) All police investigations made and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (2004 Code, § 6-108, modified)

6-109. Police officers to wear protective armor. Police officers are required to wear protective body armor while on duty, except when specific permission is granted to an officer by the police chief allowing said body armor to be removed or not worn. (2004 Code, § 6-109, modified)