

## TITLE 6

LAW ENFORCEMENT<sup>1</sup>

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## CHAPTER 1

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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6-101. Composition of police department. The police department of the city shall consist of a chief of police and such number of subordinates of such rank as the city council shall by resolution designate. (1979 Code, § 1-901)

6-102. Police subject to orders, rules, and regulations of chief. All policemen shall be subject to and shall obey and comply with all orders of the chief of police.

The chief of police is hereby delegated authority to establish administrative rules and regulations for the operation of the police department and rules of conduct for the police department. It shall be unlawful and grounds for dismissal from the police force for any policemen to disobey or fail to comply with any such rules and regulations promulgated by the chief of police.

The city council hereby reserves the right at any time to amend, revise, or rescind any rules and regulations promulgated by the chief of police pursuant to this section. (1979 Code, § 1-902)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Traffic citations and procedure for violations: title 15, chapter 13.

6-103. Duties of police generally. The policemen of the city shall preserve law and order within the city. They shall patrol the city and shall assist the recorder during the trial of cases. They shall promptly serve any legal process issued by the recorder. They shall perform all other duties imposed upon them by state law, the charter of the city, or this code and any other ordinances of the city. (1979 Code, § 1-903)

6-104. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the city council shall authorize, and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty, unless otherwise directed by the chief of police. (1979 Code, § 1-904)

6-105. Resisting or obstructing police. No person shall resist, obstruct, or oppose any policeman or any person duly empowered with police authority while in the discharge or apparent discharge of his duty, or in any way interfere with or hinder him in the discharge of his duty. (1979 Code, § 1-905)

6-106. Impersonating police officers. No person shall hold himself out as or falsely impersonate a police officer of the city; nor shall any person falsely assert that he has the authority or right to exercise the powers of any police officer of the city. (1979 Code, § 1-906)

6-107. Policemen may require assistance in making arrests. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and such assistance is reasonably necessary to effect the arrest. (1979 Code, § 1-907)

6-108. Police department records. The police department 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 policemen.
- (3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1979 Code, § 1-908)

## CHAPTER 2

RESERVE POLICE FORCE

## SECTION

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6-201. Created. There is hereby created the reserve police force to consist of not more than fifty members. (1979 Code, § 1-1001)

6-202. Members--qualifications. Members of the reserve police force shall be residents of Hamblen County, more than twenty-one years of age, and of good moral character. No person shall be a member who has been convicted of a crime. (1979 Code, § 1-1002)

6-203. Same--appointment; compensation. Members shall be appointed by, and shall serve at the will of, the city council. The city administrator shall make periodic reports, at least each year, recommending to the city council any necessary additions or deletions to the roster of the reserve police force. Each member shall be issued a card signed by the city administrator evidencing his appointment. When ordered to duty and until relieved as provided in § 6-205, each reserve policeman shall have the same powers and authority of regular policemen except as provided in § 6-206 and shall be paid at beginning patrolman's pay for each day or fraction of a day he serves. (1979 Code, § 1-1003)

6-204. Roster. The recorder shall maintain in his office a current roster of the reserve police force and shall provide the chief of police and the city administrator copies. (1979 Code, § 1-1004)

6-205. Order to duty; relief. The city administrator or, in his absence, the chief of police, is authorized to order all reserve policemen or as many as deemed necessary, to duty whenever in his opinion the circumstances warrant. The city administrator or, in his absence, the chief of police, may issue orders relieving reserve policemen from duty. Orders to duty and orders relieving from duty issued by them shall be entered on the police record and signed by the city administrator or the chief of police. The city council may issue orders to duty and relief from duty which shall prevail over orders of the city administrator or chief of police. (1979 Code, § 1-1005)

6-206, Rules and regulations generally. The chief of police shall prepare rules and regulations subject to approval of the city council for the government of the reserve police force, a copy of which shall be provided each reserve policeman. The rules and regulations shall contain at least the following:

(1) No member shall have the authority to act as a reserve policeman unless ordered to duty and only as long as the orders are effective;

(2) No member shall bear arms while on duty except as authorized by the chief of police;

(3) The reserve police shall be separate and distinct from the regular police force, and no reserve policeman regardless of rank shall have authority over any regular policeman;

(4) Reserve policemen shall serve only for the special purpose for which ordered to duty, and shall not attempt to perform the general duties of the regular police except as expressly ordered by the chief of police;

(5) The time within which members shall report for duty after receipt of orders and the circumstances under which they may be excused from duty. (1979 Code, § 1-1006)

6-207. Organization; supervision. The chief of police shall be responsible for the organization of the reserve police force which shall be under his supervision, direction, and control. (1979 Code, § 1-1007)

## CHAPTER 3

SHERIFF

## SECTIONS

6-301. Duty to enforce ordinances.

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6-301. Duty to enforce ordinances. The city council of the City of Morristown, Tennessee, ordains that the sheriff of Hamblen County be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the ordinances of the municipality pursuant to an agreement by and among the Hamblen County General Sessions Court, City of Morristown, Hamblen County and Charles Long, Sheriff of Hamblen County, Tennessee, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1987. (Ord. #2494, Feb. 1987)

6-302. Termination of agreement. This chapter shall terminate and be of no effect upon the effective date of termination of the agreement among the parties described in § 6-301 hereof. (Ord. #2494, Feb. 1987)