

CHAPTER 31

RESERVE POLICE UNIT

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31.01 DEFINITION. A reserve police officer is a volunteer, non-regular, sworn member of a law enforcement agency who serves with or without compensation, has regular police powers while functioning as an agency's representative and participates on a regular basis in the agency's activities including those of crime prevention and control, preservation of the peace and enforcement of the law. Reserve peace officers are vested with the same rights, privileges, obligations and duties as any other peace officers while in the actual performance of official duties.

31.02 PURPOSE. The purpose of the ordinance codified in this chapter is to provide for the establishment and operation of a Reserve Police Unit for the City, as set forth in Chapter 80D of the Code of Iowa.

31.03 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

1. Membership in the Reserve Police Unit is determined upon standards set by the Police Chief with the approval of the Mayor.
2. Applicants and members of the Reserve Police Unit shall be residents of the City or as established and determined by the Police Chief.
3. Each candidate for the Reserve Police Unit shall make written application and such applicant shall be fingerprinted and investigated as to the applicant's past to satisfy all security measures. An applicant may also be requested to take a polygraph based on the applicant's background and application statements.
4. All applicants shall be appointed to such membership in the Reserve Police Unit by the Police Chief, only after being recommended to such unit by the Reserve Police Captain, and such appointment shall have the approval of the Mayor and Council.

31.04 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. No person shall be appointed to the Reserve Police Unit until such person has satisfactorily completed a physical examination under the standards approved by the Police Chief.

31.05 ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISOR.

1. The Police Chief is responsible for the activity of the Unit and shall appoint a regular force peace officer as the reserve force coordinator and supervising officer. The regular peace officer shall report directly to the Police Chief.
2. Reserve peace officers shall be subordinate to regular peace officers, and shall not serve as peace officers unless under the direction of a regular peace officer.

31.06 REMOVAL. The members of the Reserve Police Unit shall serve at the discretion of the Police Chief and they shall be removed and discharged from such positions and their City employment terminated by the Police Chief and such removal may be without cause and/or recommended by the Reserve Police Captain.

31.07 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Reserve Police Unit may adopt such rules and regulations or bylaws, not inconsistent with the ordinances of the City or laws of the State or the rules and regulations of the Police Department, as the members thereof shall deem advisable. Such rules and regulations or bylaws, if adopted, shall become effective only upon the approval of the Police Chief.

31.08 EMPLOYMENT STATUS. Members of the Reserve Police Unit shall be considered employees of the City during those periods when they are performing police duties as authorized and/or directed by the Police Chief and they shall receive a salary from the City as recommended by the Police Chief.

31.09 BENEFITS. Members of the Reserve Police Unit shall be covered by worker's compensation insurance while performing police duties and shall receive hospital and medical assistance and benefits as provided in Chapter 85 of the Code of Iowa to members of the reserve force who sustain injury in the course of performing official duties, but shall not be included under or share any of the benefits or obligations contained in the Police Retirement System.

31.10 INSURANCE. Liability and false arrest insurance shall be provided by the Council to members of the reserve force while performing official duties in the same manner as for regular peace officers.

31.11 TRAINING. Training for individuals appointed as reserve peace officers shall be provided by instructors in a community college or other facility, including a law enforcement agency, selected by the individual and approved by the law enforcement agency and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. All standards and training required under Chapter 80D of the Code of Iowa constitute the minimum standards for reserve peace officers. There shall be no exemptions from the personal and training standards provided for in this chapter.

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31.12 CERTIFICATION. Upon satisfactory completion of training, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy shall certify the individual as a reserve peace officer.

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31.13 UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA.

1. Reserve peace officers shall wear a uniform prescribed by the Police Chief unless the Chief or a superior officer designated alternate apparel for use when engaged in assignments involving special investigations, civil process, court duties, jail duties and the handling of mental patients.

2. When such reserve officer is wearing a uniform, a badge issued by the Police Chief shall be worn upon such reserve officer's outer garment in plain view, which uniform and badge shall identify said person's status as a reserve peace officer.

3. The Police Chief shall issue an identification card to each reserve peace officer after such member of the Reserve Police Unit has been certified by the Police

Chief. Officers shall carry their identification cards while in the performance of official duties.

4. Reserve peace officers shall not wear an insignia of rank.

31.14 USE OF FIREARMS. Members of the Reserve Police Unit shall carry a firearm on their persons, subject to the following:

1. Said reserve officer has been approved by the Council and certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council.
2. Said reserve officer has a valid gun permit obtained for the purpose of reserve peace officer.
3. Said firearm is carried only after qualifying on the range as prescribed by the range master.
4. Said firearm shall be carried while in the actual performance of official duties.
5. Said firearm shall be used only as a defense weapon and/or in accordance with the Code of Iowa and the City's police rules and regulations pertaining to use of force.

31.15 RECORDS. The Police Chief shall keep an accurate record of all members of the Reserve Police Unit, their dates of admission, training and discharge.