

Chapter 2.36

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2.36.010 Established.

There is established a police department for the town to be composed of a chief of police and such number of subordinate policemen of such rank as the town council shall, from time to time, determine. (Prior code § 13-101)

2.36.020 Appointment and term of chief of police.

The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor of the town, by and with the consent of the town council, and he shall serve until a successor has been appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. (Prior code § 13-102)

2.36.030 Appointment and term of police officers.

Police officers shall be appointed by the mayor of the town, by and with the consent of the town council, and said officers shall serve until a successor has been appointed. (Prior code § 13-103)

2.36.040 Duties.

It shall be the duty of the police department to suppress all affrays, riots, disturbances and breaches of the peace and to diligently and faithfully enforce all such laws, ordinances and regulations for the preservation of property and the public welfare, as the council may enact. Every policeman authorized to make arrests or to serve process may in the discharge of his duties, enter into any and all public places with or without process, arrest any and all persons found in any such place under circumstances which would warrant a reasonable man in believing that such person or persons had committed or were about to commit a crime. All policemen shall have the power to arrest all persons found anywhere in the act of violating any law or ordinance or aiding or abetting in any such violation, and upon view shall arrest any person found under any circumstances which would warrant a reasonable man in believing that such person or persons had violated or was about to violate any ordinance of the town. It shall be the policeman's duty to forthwith bring any such person or persons before the town municipal court, if said court then be in session, and if not, to then convey such arrested person or persons to an appropriate facility for their detention until such time as he, she or they can give suitable bail for appearance in said court. (Prior code § 13-104)

2.36.050 Disqualification.

No person shall be appointed or employed as a regular policeman or officer of the department who shall have

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been convicted of, or against whom any indictment or information may be pending for any offense, the punishment for which may be confinement in any penitentiary, nor shall any person be so appointed who is of notoriously bad character or who does not possess ordinary physical courage. (Prior code § 13-105)