

## **CHAPTER X. POLICE**

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### **ARTICLE 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 10-101. **RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The police chief shall have power to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the department. Such rules and regulations shall be approved by the governing body. At its discretion and with the agreement of the sheriff, the governing body may appoint the sheriff as the chief of police. (Code 2003)

### **ARTICLE 2. PROPERTY IN POLICE CUSTODY**

- 10-201. **REGULATIONS.** The police department is required to establish regulations detailing the collection, storage, and inventory of property which may come under its control by any manner. (Code 2003)
- 10-202. **DISPOSITION.** Any property which has been acquired or turned over to the police department and has been classified in accordance with procedures existing in the police department as unclaimed or for which the proper owner cannot be ascertained shall be kept for a minimum of 90 days. After a period of 90 days, such property, except as provided in section 10-203, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds after expenses shall be paid to the city general fund. (Code 2003)
- 10-203. **SAME; EXEMPT PROPERTY.** The following classes of property shall be considered exceptions to section 10-202 and shall be dealt with in the following manner:
- (a) Cash money shall be turned over to the city general fund unless it shall be determined to have collector's value, in which case it shall be auctioned according to the provisions in section 10-202.
  - (b) Firearms which are available for disposition may be dealt with in the following manner:
    - (1) If compatible with law enforcement usage, they may be turned over to the police department inventory.
    - (2) They may be sold to a firearms dealer who maintains the appropriate federal firearms license.
    - (3) They may be destroyed.
    - (4) In no case shall firearms be sold at public auction.

(c) Other weapons such as knives, etc., which are deemed to have a legitimate value may be sold at auction, however, homemade weapons or weapons of a contraband nature shall be destroyed.

(d) Any items determined to be contraband such as explosives, narcotics, etc., shall be destroyed.

(e) Items of a pharmaceutical nature, which, while not contraband when properly dispensed, or which are of an over-the-counter-variety, shall be destroyed.

(f) Foodstuffs, if sealed and undamaged may be turned over to any appropriate social service agency or destroyed, but shall not be auctioned.

(g) Alcohol products such as beer, wine, whiskey, etc., shall be destroyed.

(h) Items with a value in excess of \$500 may be sold after advertising said item in a general circulation newspaper on at least two occasions. Such sales shall be by closed bid.

(Code 2003)

10-204. CLAIMING PROPERTY. The police department shall be required to make reasonable attempts to locate the owner of any property in storage. However, the responsibility for claiming and identifying any such property shall rest solely with the owner. (Code 2003)

10-205. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. Claimants to any property in police storage shall be required to present reasonable proof of ownership and no property shall be released unless such reasonable proof is presented. (Code 2003)

10-206. AUCTION. At such time as it has been determined that an auction is necessary to dispose of unclaimed property, an inventory listing all property to be disposed of shall be prepared and kept on file in the police department. Notice of an auction shall be published at least twice in a general circulation newspaper prior to the date of the auction. The notice shall specify the date, time and place of the auction and shall also notify prospective buyers or potential claimants that a list of items to be auctioned is available at the police department and any claims on property must be made prior to the start of the auction. (Code 2003)

### **ARTICLE 3. POLICE FEES**

10-301. FEE FOR POLICE RESPONSES TO PARTY. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

Host: The person who owns or is in possession of the property where the party, gathering or event takes place, or the person in charge of the premises, or the person who organized the event. If the host is a minor, then the parents or guardians of that minor will be jointly and severally liable for the fee incurred for police services.

Party, Gathering or Event: An event involving a group of persons who have assembled or are assembling for a social occasion or for a social activity.

Police Services Fee: The cost to the city of any special security assignment, including, but not limited to, salaries of police officers while responding to or remaining at the party, gathering or event, the pro rata cost of equipment, the cost

of repairing city equipment and property, the cost of any medical treatment of injured police officers, and the cost of reasonable attorney fees.

Special Security Assignment: The assignment of police officers, services and equipment during a second or subsequent response to the party, gathering or event after the delivery of a written notice to the host that a fee may be imposed for costs incurred by the city for any subsequent police response.

(Code 2003)

10-302. INITIAL POLICE RESPONSES TO PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR EVENTS.

When any police officer responds to any party, gathering or event, and that police officer determines that there is a threat to the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare, the police officer shall issue a written notice to the host or hosts that a subsequent response to that same location or address within 24 hours of the first response shall be deemed a special security assignment rendered to provide security and order on behalf of the party, gathering or event and that the host may be liable for a police services fee as defined in this article. (Code 2003)

10-303. SUBSEQUENT POLICE RESPONSES TO PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR

EVENTS; LIABILITY. If, after a written notice is issued pursuant to section 10-302, a subsequent police response or responses is necessary to the same location or address within 24 hours of the first response, such response or responses shall be deemed a special security assignment. Persons previously warned shall be jointly and severally liable for a police services fee as defined in this article. (Code 2003)