

## CHAPTER 31

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**31.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF FORCE.** The Mayor, acting through the Police Chief, is hereby authorized to organize a Reserve Police Unit of not to exceed twenty-five (25) members for the purpose of assisting the Police Chief and other members of the Police Department.

**31.02 MEMBERSHIP.** Each member recruited for said unit shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age; a high school graduate; physically fit; in good health and of good moral character. If the Director of the Law Enforcement Academy for the State establishes minimum standards for members, those standards shall also be adopted. All members shall be approved and appointed by the Mayor and Police Chief. *(Ord. 882 – Mar. 18 Supp.)*

**31.03 OATH OF OFFICE.** Members shall take an oath of office, administered by the Mayor, as reserve peace officers in the same manner as regular police officers.

**31.04 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. Upon satisfactory completion of training, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy shall certify the individual as a reserve peace officer. There shall be no exemptions from the personal and training standards provided for in this chapter.

*(Ord. 803 – Dec. 07 Supp.)*

**31.05 STATUS OF RESERVE OFFICERS.** Reserve peace officers shall serve as peace officers on the orders and at the discretion of the Police Chief. While in the actual performance of official duties, reserve peace officers shall be vested with the same rights, privileges, obligations and duties as any other peace officers.

**31.06 CARRYING WEAPONS.** A member of the reserve force shall not carry a weapon in the line of duty until the member has been approved by the Council and certified by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council. After approval and certification, a reserve peace officer may carry a weapon in the line of duty only when authorized by the Police Chief.

**31.07 SUPPLEMENTARY CAPACITY.** Reserve peace officers shall act only in a supplementary capacity to the regular force and shall not assume full time duties of regular peace officers without first complying with all the requirements of regular peace officers.

**31.08 SUPERVISION OF OFFICERS.** Reserve peace officers shall be subordinate to regular peace officers, shall not serve as peace officers unless under the direction of regular peace officers, and shall wear a uniform prescribed by the Police Chief, unless the Police Chief designates alternate apparel for use when engaged in assignments involving special investigations, civil process, court duties, jail duties and the handling of mental patients. The reserve peace officer shall not wear an insignia of rank. The Police Chief shall appoint a regular force peace officer as the reserve force coordinating and supervising officer. That regular peace officer shall report directly to the Police Chief.

**31.09 NO REDUCTION OF REGULAR FORCE.** The Council shall not reduce the authorized size of the regular police department because of the establishment or utilization of reserve peace officers.

**31.10 COMPENSATION.** While performing official duties, each reserve peace officer shall be considered an employee of the City and shall be paid at a minimum of \$1.00 per year. The Council may provide additional monetary assistance for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms and equipment used by reserve peace officers. The uniforms and accessories purchased by the City shall remain the property of the City.

**31.11 BENEFITS WHEN INJURED.** Hospital and medical assistance and benefits, as provided in Chapter 85 of the Code of Iowa, shall be provided to members of the reserve force who sustain injury in the course of performing official duties.

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

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31.13 PENSION FUND OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Members are not eligible for participation in a pension fund or retirement system created by the laws of the State of which regular peace officers may become members.

31.14 CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILIARY POLICE EXEMPT. This chapter does not apply to local civil defense auxiliary police forces organized by local Civil Defense officials and trained according to standards established by the United States Office of Civil Defense and contained in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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