### **ORDINANCE 44 A**

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS ORDINANCE SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDINANCE OR AMENDMENTS FOR THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS ORDINANCE WILL ESTABLISH THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIRED FOR THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OFFICERS.

## **SECTION I: CHIEF OF POLICE**

The Chief of Police shall be filled by some suitable person who possesses all the qualifications prescribed by the City Council. The interview process must be performed by the Mayor. Once all interviews have been performed the Mayor will present the best candidate (s) to the City Council. The City Council will then appoint said officer best qualified for the position. He/she shall serve for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the City Council. The person occupying the office of Chief of Police must then take the oath of office prescribed by the State Constitution and become a member of the police department and will be subject to all the ordinances and laws including all laws presently in force and which may be hereafter enacted. The Chief of Police shall answer to the Mayor and City Council.

The police chief shall be active in quelling riots, disorders and disturbances of the peace and violations of every kind within the city limits and shall take into custody all persons thus offending. It shall be his/her duty to arrest without warrant all violators of the laws and ordinances and all who obstruct or interfere with him/her in the discharge of his/her duties. In the prevention and suppression of crime and the arrest of offenders, he/she shall have all the powers as prescribed for by municipal peace officers under the laws of the State. He/she shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the governing body may by resolution or ordinance require or confer, or as may be prescribed by State law.

The Chief of Police will be responsible for hiring all officers for his/her department. The department shall consist of the Chief of Police and at least 3 full-time officers, providing that there are willing and qualified applicants. The Chief of Police may hire more officers if he/she sees a need to and the budget can support it.

Chief of Police shall assign each officer his/her duties and may order any of them to render such service in any part of the city whenever and wherever, in his/her opinion the occasion shall require it. He/she must also see that each peace officer is equipped with the proper arms and equipment required to perform his/her duties. The Chief shall report to the Mayor any officer failing to perform said duties.

## **SECTION II: PEACE OFFICERS**

It shall be the duty of all peace officers to be obedient to the orders communicated to them by the Chief, whether it is in writing or verbal. If the police Chief feels it necessary, he/she may bring any concerns regarding an officer to the mayor and or city council.

Each peace officer must keep faithful watch on the district which may be assigned to them, and they shall be further authorized to go into any dwelling house, store, or other place in which any person may

have taken refuge or be who has, in their presence or hearing, committed a felony, or where any felony is about to be committed, or an alarm or outcry is being made.

It shall be the duty of all officers to arrest all persons found in suspicious places and under circumstances which reasonably show they have been guilty of some felony or breach of the peace, or who threaten to or are about to commit some offense against the laws and ordinances. In all cases of the arrest of any person without a warrant, the officer making the arrest shall bring that person forthwith before the municipal court, if in session, and if said court be not in session, the said officer shall commit such person to the applicable jail or detention facility to be safely kept in custody until processed according to law, by the appropriate magistrate.

No person shall be appointed as a member of the police department who has not a good moral character, and when required by the Chief of Police or the city council shall furnish testimonials and may be required to give bond in a sum fixed by the city council, if the same be deemed necessary.

### SECTION III: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

It shall be the duty of all officers, including the Chief, to make arrests without a warrant, when a state law or city ordinances has been violated in his/her presence; but in making such arrests, and in conveying the offender to the appropriate jail or detention facility, he/she shall use only such force as is necessary to affect his/her purpose.

It shall be the duty of all officers to treat all city employees, citizens, as well as anyone they meet in a courteous and respectful manner.

All officers shall wear a uniform and badge while on duty as designated by the Chief of Police.

The Log Cabin Police Department will be responsible for maintaining required annual firearm qualifications records for any sworn or retiring officer from Log Cabin City Police Department.

### **SECTION IV: DISMISSAL**

Any member of the police department shall be subject to dismissal for neglect of duty, misconduct, violation of lawful orders, violating city ordinances and/or state laws, violating city policies or any other behavior unbecoming of an officer regardless of whether they are on duty or not.

# SECTION V: UNAUTHORIZED/AUTHORIZED PASSENGERS

No member of the Log Cabin Police Department shall permit any unauthorized passenger(s) to ride with him/her in any police vehicle. An unauthorized passenger is any person accompanying the officer as an observer or volunteer assistant who is not then and there on specific official business for the city which requires his/her presence in said vehicle.

Authorized passengers may ride out with an officer after signing a waiver of liability, which must be notarized releasing the City from all liability. All passengers must remain in the vehicle when an officer is

executing a stop or answering a call for their safety and the officer's safety. The following shall be exempt from the rules set forth in this section after execution of waiver or liability.

- A. Mayor and/ or any member of the city council or city employee.
- B. Designated police chaplains.
- C. Authorized medical personnel.
- D. Citizens on patrol accompanying the Chief of Police or officer, must have mayor and police Chief approval.

Any police officer who violates any part of this ordinance or permits an unauthorized passenger to ride with him/her in any police vehicle shall be subject to immediate discharge.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022.

Jennifer Williams, Mayor

Sam, Commino, Chief of Police

Leara Thorp, City Secretary