

ORDINANCE No. O-2023-29

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 0-2021-04, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 14-52-101 gives the power of the city council to establish a city police department, to organize it under the general superintendence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, A.C.A. 14-52-201 requires the governing body to direct, by general ordinance, the number of subordinate officers to be appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS hereby declares the following be added to the City of Ward Personnel Handbook:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT: The Governing Body of the City of Ward, having established a city police department in 1987¹ as the Ward Police Department hereby affirms that action to preserve the peace of the city, secure the citizens from personal violence, and safeguard their property from fire and unlawful depredations.

SECTION 2: POLICE CHIEF:

- a. **APPOINTMENT:** A.C.A. 14-42-110 gives the Mayor the sole authority to power to appoint or remove the Police Chief. The city council may override the Mayor's action with two-thirds votes of all the council members.
- b. **DUTIES:** A.C.A. 14-52-202 outlines the powers and duties of Police Chiefs. The Police Chief has the authority, with the Mayor's approval, to organize the police department to best serve the needs of the city.

SECTION 3: SUBORDINATE OFFICERS:

- a. Number of Subordinate Officers Authorized: 16²
- b. Number of Auxiliary Police Officers Authorized: 5³

¹ Ward Ordinance C-1-87

² As appropriated by the council

³ Auxiliary officers are unpaid except as appropriated by council

c. Duties: A.C.A. 15-52-203 outlines the general duties of police officers. Other duties are assigned by the Police Chief or Mayor. Authorized officers are assigned and utilized per Section 2b.

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY: An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety shall take effect immediately up its passage and approval.

SECTION 5 SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2023.

Brooke Y, Chapman Y, Hall Y, Hefner Y, McMinn Y, Ruble Y

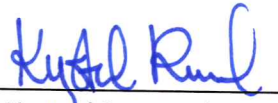
YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

