

CHAPTER 4
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4.01 POLICE DEPARTMENT. (1) COMPOSITION. The Police Department shall consist of the Chief of Police and such number of subordinates as the Council shall from time to time deem necessary.

(2) APPOINTMENT; TERMS. The Police and Fire Commission shall appoint the Chief of Police, who shall hold office during good behavior subject to suspension or removal by the Commission for cause. The Chief of Police shall appoint subordinates, subject to approval by the Commission. Such appointments shall be made by promotion when this can be done with advantage; otherwise, from an eligible list provided by examination and approval by the Commission and kept on file with the Clerk-Treasurer.

(3) REGULATIONS. Members of the Department shall be governed by resolutions and ordinances adopted by the Council and the Wisconsin Statutes.

(4) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. Disciplinary actions regarding the Chief and other members of the Department shall be governed by §62.13(5), Wis. Stats.

(5) SALARY; COLLECTION OF FEES. The Chief and the police officers of the City shall receive a salary as fixed by the Council and shall not be entitled to any other compensation. All fees, bail deposits, and other special remuneration or funds collected or received by the Department or any officer thereof shall be deposited with the Clerk-Treasurer not less than weekly.

4.02 CHIEF OF POLICE, DUTIES AND POWERS. (1) The Chief of Police shall possess the powers, enjoy the privileges and be subject to the liabilities conferred and imposed by law upon marshals and constables.

(2) He shall obey all lawful written orders of the Mayor and Council.

(3) He shall cause the public peace to be preserved and see that all laws and ordinances of the City and State are enforced.

(4) He shall exercise supervisory control over all the personnel of his Department and may adopt, subject to the approval of the Council, rules, and regulations for the government, discipline, equipment, and uniforms of police officers.

(5) He shall be solely responsible for the care and condition of the equipment used by his Department.

(6) He shall keep an accurate and complete record of all complaints, arrests, traffic violations, convictions, and dispositions of the Department.

4.03 POLICE OFFICERS. (1) GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. Each officer shall possess the powers conferred on marshals and constables by law and shall preserve the public peace and enforce the laws and ordinances of the State and City, subject to the orders, rules, and regulations of the Chief, the Mayor, and the Council.

(2) POWER OF ARREST. The Chief of Police and any police officer may arrest all persons in the City found in the act of violating any law or ordinance of the City or State or aiding or abetting in such violation and they shall arrest without warrant all persons whom they have reason to believe have violated any law or ordinance and who will not be apprehended unless immediately arrested and shall take all arrested persons in charge and confine them and shall within a reasonable time bring such persons before the court having jurisdiction thereof to be dealt with according to law.

4.04 ASSISTANCE BY CIVILIANS. All persons in the City, at the request of any police or peace officer, shall aid and assist such officer in the execution of his duties.

4.05 ASSISTING ESCAPE OF PRISONER PROHIBITED. No person shall assist any person in the custody of any police or peace officer to escape or attempt to escape from such custody.

4.06 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 25.04 of this Code.