

SEABROOK POLICE DEPT.

Reserve Officer's Code of Ethics Governing Department Personnel

SECTION #1

The Department shall consist of one Chief, Assistant Chief, one Captain, a Secretary, and as many Patrolmen as the City Councilmen may see need of.

There will be no one accepted in the Department until a thorough check of the applicant's background, along with criminal record, and driving record has been made.

No applicant with a criminal record will be allowed to become a member of the department.

All applicants must be twenty-one years of age - in good physical and mental health, and of good moral character.

All officers of the department shall be nominated from the floor and elected by secret ballot at the first regular meeting in January, and the regular meeting in July. Each elected officer must receive a majority vote. There shall be at least two (2) nominations for each office.

Each member shall be required to pay monthly dues of fifty (50) cents - payable at the regular meeting of each month.

There will be a "grievance" committee of three members - one from the ranks of an officer and two from the troops - to be elected along at the regular election nights.

SECTION #2

Members will work with a regular officer, or under his direction as prescribed by law.

Each member will be required to wear a uniform as nearly as possible to the uniform worn by the regular officers; and must carry a side-arm when on duty.

No officer of the department, when dressed in civilian clothes - whether on or off duty - shall wear his pistol on the outside of his clothing in such manner that it will attract attention, or be open to the view of the public; but, rather it must be worn concealed in such manner that it will be inconspicuous.

SECTION #3

Dereliction of duty -- The following constitutes violations of this section:

- (a) Failure to observe and give effect to the policies of the department.

- (b) Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty.
- (c) For accepting a bribe.
- (d) For cowardice.

In any of the above listed violations a commanding officer shall immediately relieve the offending officer from duty, instruct him to report to the Chief of Police and make a complete report of the incident.

SECTION #4

Political Activity:

- (a) No member of this department shall become a candidate for nomination or election to any public office.

SECTION #5

Line of Duty:

- (a) Officers will carry their identification card and badge when in uniform and on duty.
- (b) All members of the department shall furnish to the Secretary or the Chief of Police, their address and telephone number.

SECTION #6

Care of Police Equipment:

- (a) Improper or negligent handling, or willful damage of City property - fixed or movable - is prohibited.
- (b) Any officer who has lost - in any manner - the badge issued to him by the Police department will make an immediate report in writing to the Chief of Police; and if lost through his own negligence, shall deposit \$7.50 to the City Secretary for replacement, if badge is not recovered within ten (10) days.

SECTION #7

A Police officer may shoot at a person only under those conditions where he would be justified if he killed the person at whom he is shooting. An officer is justified in taking life in the following circumstances:

In defense of his own life
In defense of another's life
To prevent certain felonies:

1. Murder
2. Rape
3. Robbery
4. Maiming
5. Disfiguring
6. Arson

SECTION #8

Any member of the department when called upon to do so by any person (under any circumstances) shall give his name and badge number in a courteous manner.

SECTION #9

No expenditure of money shall be made, or liability incurred, in the name of the City of Seabrook or the Police Department, by any member of the Reserve Police Department, unless authorized by the Chief of Police.

SECTION #10

Statements of Policy information regarding changes in organization, or disciplinary action, will be made from the office of Chief of Police and no officer of the department, unless specifically authorized, will discuss such matters with a representative of the Press.

SECTION #11

As a member of the Police profession and as loyal Americans, we honor the flag of our Country. We show this on public occasions by rendering the customary honors and courtesy due the colors.

SECTION #12

All members will conduct themselves, at all times, so as not bring discredit upon themselves, the Police Department, or the City of Seabrook.

Any member leaving the department will immediately surrender his badge and commission card to the Chief of Police.