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31.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF FORCE. A force of reserve peace officers is hereby established. The force shall not exceed five (5) members. A reserve peace officer is a volunteer, non-regular, sworn member of the Police Department who will serve with compensation as established by resolution of the Council, and has regular police powers while functioning as the Police Department's representative, and will participate on a regular basis in the department's activities, including those of crime prevention and control, preservation of the peace and enforcement of the law.

31.02 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.

31.03 STATUS OF RESERVE OFFICERS. Reserve peace officers shall serve as peace officers on the orders and at the direction 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 officer.

31.04 CARRYING WEAPONS. A member of the reserve force shall not carry a weapon in the line of duty until he or she 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.

31.05 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. Non-certified reserve officers shall be in radio or telephone contact with a superior officer at all times.

31.06 SUPERVISION OF OFFICERS. Reserve peace officers shall be subordinate to regular peace officers, shall not serve as peace officers unless under the direction of the regular officers, and shall wear a uniform prescribed by the Police Chief, unless that superior officer 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. A regular force peace officer

appointed by the department shall be the coordinating and supervising officer and shall report directly to the Police Chief.

31.07 NO REDUCTION OF REGULAR FORCE. There shall be no reduction of the authorized size of the regular law enforcement department of the City because of the establishment or utilization of reserve peace officers.

31.08 COMPENSATION. While performing official duties, each reserve peace officer shall be considered an employee of the City and shall be paid a salary as determined by resolution of the Council. The Council may provide additional monetary assistance for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms and equipment used by reserve peace officers.

31.09 BENEFITS WHEN INJURED. Worker's compensation insurance shall be provided by the City for members of the reserve force who sustain injury in the course of performing official duties.

31.10 LIABILITY AND FALSE ARREST INSURANCE. Liability and false arrest insurance shall be provided by the City to members of the reserve force while performing official duties in the same manner as for regular peace officers.

31.11 NO PARTICIPATION IN PENSION FUND OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM. This chapter shall not be construed to authorize or permit a reserve peace officer to become eligible for participation in a pension fund or retirement system created by the laws of the State of which regular peace officer may become members.

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