

CHAPTER 4
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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4.01 COMPOSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT. The Police Department of the City shall consist of the Chief of Police and such subordinates as the Council may designate, who shall be appointed pursuant to 62.13, Wis. Stats.

4.02 SALARIES. The salaries of the Chief of Police and subordinates shall be fixed by the Council and they shall not be entitled to other compensation.

4.03 DISCIPLINARY ACTION. Disciplinary action against the Chief of Police and subordinates shall be in compliance with 2.13(5), Wis. Stats.

4.04 CHIEF OF POLICE, POWERS AND DUTIES. (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 the 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 and, whenever any violation thereof shall come to his knowledge, he shall cause the requisite complaint to be made and see that the evidence is procured for the successful prosecution of the offender.

(4) He shall exercise supervisory control over all the personnel of the 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 the Department.

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

4.05 POLICE OFFICERS . (1) GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. Each officer of the Department shall possess the powers conferred on marshals and constables by law, shall preserve the public peace and shall 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 shall 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 who they have reasonable grounds to believe have violated any law or ordinance and who will not be apprehended unless immediately arrested, 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.

(3) REPORTING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. The Chief of Police and any police officer shall report all street and sidewalk obstructions, unlighted street lamps, unlawful street signs or signals and defective or dangerous streets and sidewalks to the Director of Public Works.

(4) ASSISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT. Whenever necessary, any police officer shall assist the Fire Department in maintaining order at the scene of a fire.

(5) PERMITS AND LICENSES. The police officers shall ensure that the necessary permits and licenses issued by the State or the City are in the possession of or are properly displayed by any person engaged in an activity or business within the City for which a permit or license is required and that the terms of such license or permit are complied with.

4.06 DEPARTMENT RULES. The Chief of Police shall prepare rules for the administration of the Police Department, which rules shall be in full force upon approval of the Council.

4.07 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. In accordance with 66.305, Wis. Stats. and policies established by the Council, Chief of Police may respond to requests for police personnel from other governmental entities and may request said jurisdiction to provide police personnel to the City.

4.08 PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter or any rule, regulation or order made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in sec. 25.04 of this Code.

***4.09 APPOINTMENT OF CROSSING GUARDS.** (1) That the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien may, from time to time as the need presents itself, appoint adult school crossing guards for the protection of persons who are crossing a highway in the vicinity of a school. (*Ord. No. 93-10 Reg Mtg 9-07-93)