

Chapter 2.82

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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2.82.010 Public Safety Department. The Public Safety Department of the City of Snohomish shall be the law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction. Its primary function shall be the detection and apprehension of persons committing infractions or violating traffic or criminal laws duly enacted by the City, state and federal governments. The Department may operate a city jail and shall enforce parking, animal control, and nuisance laws. The Department shall further perform such other duties and functions as may be delegated to it by the City Manager and City Council, consistent with RCW 35.24.160.

2.82.020 Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall be the commander and administrative head of the Public Safety Department, and shall also be responsible for the City's contract for fire protection and emergency medical services with Snohomish County Fire District #4. The Chief shall be responsible, through the City Manager, to the Mayor and City Council. Eligibility requirements for the position shall generally be established by contract, written job description, and by direction of the City Manager and City Council, and shall be consistent with the criteria specified in RCW 35.21.333. In the absence of the Chief of Police, the command of the department shall be assumed by the next highest ranking officer of the department unless otherwise specified by written directive from the Chief of Police.

2.82.030 Classified Personnel. All full-time, paid, uniformed and commissioned employees of the Public Safety Department, excluding clerical employees and the Chief of Police, shall be in the classified service, and under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

2.82.040 Commissions. The Chief of Police is authorized to issue the following commissions of law enforcement authority:

- A. Full commissions shall be issued to all general authority police officers in the police department who are employed on a full-time, fully compensated basis.
- B. In the event the City employs officers to enforce parking, animal control, and nuisance laws, limited commissions shall be issued to such officers who are employed on a full time, fully compensated basis. Said commissions shall authorize such officers to enforce the parking, animal control, and nuisance laws of the City.
- C. In the event the City employs custody officers, limited commissions shall be issued to such custody officers authorizing them to enforce all criminal laws relevant to the safe and secure operation of the City jail and the control of prisoners. Said commissions shall be effective only during the hours that a custody officer is on duty for the City.
- D. Reserve commissions shall be issued to reserve officers as defined in Section 2.82.060. Said commissions shall be equivalent to full commissions whenever a reserve officer is called into active service. Said commissions shall be effective only during the hours that a reserve officer is on duty for the City.
- E. Special commissions may be issued to peace officers of other jurisdictions pursuant to RCW Chapter 10.93.

F. A limited commission to volunteers to issue notices of infractions for violations of the City's parking regulations pursuant to SMC 11.08. All such volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. In appointing volunteers, the Chief of Police may establish any other qualifications he deems desirable.

2.82.050 Rules and Regulations. The Police Chief is authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the duties, functions and responsibilities of the department as may be necessary from time to time. A copy of such rules and regulations shall be on file in the department, and shall be accessible to all employees and the public during all business hours of the City.

2.82.060 Reserve Officers. Eligibility, training requirements, certification procedures and ranks of reserve officers shall be established by the Chief of Police. Reserve officers shall not be employees of the City, and shall be paid no compensation by the City, except to the extent that reserve officers may be hired under special circumstances as temporary employees of the City. The authority of reserve officers shall be specified by the commission issued by the Chief of Police. All authorized duties, services and functions performed by reserve officers shall be specified, directed and supervised by the Chief of Police or his designee. The Chief of Police may revoke a reserve commission, and terminate a reserve officer's position at any time with or without cause. (Ord. 1870, 1998)