

Chapter 8

POLICE DEPARTMENT

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Linn 11-13-1995 (§§ 8.01 to 8.08 of the 1995 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 8-1. Creation.

There is hereby created a Police Department for the Town of Linn.

§ 8-2. Supervisory control.

The general and supervisory control of the Town Police Department shall be exercised by the Town Board.

§ 8-3. Appointments.

The Town Board shall appoint the Chief of Police and any other necessary subordinate officers.

§ 8-4. Duties of Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police shall see that the public peace is observed within the limits of the Town and see that all ordinances of such Town and the laws of the State of Wisconsin are enforced and obeyed. He shall be responsible for the efficient and general good conduct of his Department and shall promptly report in writing to the Town Board all complaints made to him in writing against any member of the Police Department.

§ 8-5. Disciplinary actions.

The Chief or any subordinate may be suspended or dismissed for cause by the Town Board pursuant to § 60.56, Wis. Stats., and any collective bargaining agreement entered into between the Town Board and the Police Department.

§ 8-6. Records and reports.

The Chief shall keep a record of all complaints and applications calling for the service of the Town Police Department. He shall cause a daily record for all violators of laws and ordinances, fires, dangerous places and accidents with cause and proof. The Chief shall submit a monthly report to the Town Board concerning the principal activities of the Police Department.

§ 8-7. Hours of duty.

The Chief shall have primary responsibility in setting the hours of duty of himself and his

subordinates so as to ensure the Town of Linn competent police protection.

§ 8-8. Causes for suspension or dismissal.

The following are causes for suspension or dismissal by the Town Board:

- A. Intoxication.
- B. Cowardice.
- C. Insubordination or disrespect to a superior officer or member of the Town Board.
- D. Neglect of duty.
- E. Disobedience of any order.
- F. Absence from duty without leave.
- G. Immorality.
- H. Conduct unbecoming an officer.
- I. Communicating information relating to police work to unauthorized persons.
- J. Making a false official statement or entry in official records.
- K. Willful mistreatment or discrimination toward a prisoner.
- L. Untruthfulness.
- M. Use of profane language.
- N. Sleeping while on duty.
- O. Uncleanliness in dress or person.
- P. Accepting a bribe.
- Q. Criticizing orders by the Town Board.
- R. Refusing to give name or badge number when requested.
- S. Any other act or omission to act contrary to good order and discipline.¹

¹. Editor's Note: Original § 8.09, Alarm system, which immediately followed this section, has been moved to Ch. 6, § 6-18.