

Chapter 43

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Police retirement plan — See Ch. 48, Art. II.

§ 43-1. Establishment and composition. [Amended 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987]

There is hereby created and established a Police Department for the Borough of Camp Hill, which shall consist of the Chief of Police and such other officers and members as may be provided for by the Council.

§ 43-2. Appointments.

Subject to the civil service provisions of Article XI of the Borough Code,¹ as amended and supplemented, if they are in effect at the time, the Council may appoint and designate the Chief of Police and make other appointments to or promotions within the Department and may remove, suspend or reduce in rank members of the Department. All such members of the Department shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1. Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 46101 et seq.

§ 43-3. Supervision and control. [Amended 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987]

The Mayor or his designee shall have full charge and control of the Chief of Police and the police force, and he shall direct the time during which, the place where and the manner in which the Chief of Police and the police force shall perform their duties. He may make or prescribe such other rules and regulations as he shall deem advisable and which may pertain but are not limited to uniforms and equipment to be worn or carried, vacations and all other similar matters necessary or desirable for better departmental efficiency. The Mayor may, however, delegate to the Chief of Police supervision over and instruction to subordinate officers in the manner of performing their duties.

§ 43-4. Duties of Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police shall keep such records and make such reports concerning the activities of his Department as may be required by statute or ordinance or by the Mayor or Council. He shall be responsible for the performance by the Police Department of its functions, and all persons who are members of the Police Department shall serve subject to his orders.

§ 43-5. Suspension of members.

The Mayor may, for cause and without pay, suspend any policeman until the succeeding regular meeting of the Council, at which time or thereafter the Council may, subject to the civil service provisions aforesaid, if they are in effect at the time, suspend, discharge, remove, reduce in rank or reinstate such policeman.

§ 43-6. Conduct.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Police Department to conduct himself or herself in a proper and law-abiding manner at all times and to avoid the use of unnecessary force. Each member of the Department shall obey the orders and directions of his superior.

§ 43-7. Service and execution of process. [Amended 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987]

Policemen shall have authority to serve and execute all criminal process for the violation of Borough ordinances which may be issued by the District Justice.

§ 43-8. In-service training.

The Council may assign the Chief of Police or any member of the police force to undergo a course of training at any training school for policemen established and made available by the state or federal government and may provide for the payment by the Borough of his expenses while in attendance at such school.

§ 43-9. Enforcement of laws and ordinances.

The members of the Police Department shall see to the enforcement of all of the ordinances of the Borough and all statutes applicable therein; they shall preserve order and prevent infractions of the law and arrest violators thereof; they shall and may, within the Borough or upon property owned or controlled by the Borough or by a municipal authority of the Borough, whether such property is within or outside the limits of the Borough, without warrant and upon view, arrest and commit for hearing any and all persons guilty of breach of the peace, vagrancy, riotous or disorderly conduct or drunkenness or who may be engaged in the commission of any unlawful act tending to imperil the personal security or endanger the property of the citizens or other persons or for violating any ordinance of the Borough of Camp Hill for the violation of which a fine or penalty is imposed; and, notwithstanding any statute pertaining to the same or similar offenses, any person so arrested shall be received for confinement by the keepers of the jails, lockups or station houses within the county.

§ 43-10. Appearance as witnesses.

Every member of the Police Department shall appear as witness, if such is the case, whenever his appearance is necessary in a prosecution for a violation of an ordinance or of any state or federal law or in any other judicial proceeding. No member shall retain any witness fee for service as witness in any action or suit to which the Borough is a part, but any fees paid for such services shall be turned over to the Mayor, who shall deposit the same with the Borough Treasurer.

§ 43-11. Badges.

The policemen shall, when on duty, wear or carry a shield or badge with the word "Police" and other pertinent wording indicating their official authority and capacity.

§ 43-12. Special police.

The Mayor may appoint as a special policemen persons, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of good character, during an emergency in which the safety and welfare of the Borough and the public is endangered. Such special policemen shall obey all rules of the Police Department applicable to them and may be deprived of their appointment by the Mayor at any time. They shall not be considered employees of the Borough or the Police Department by reason of such appointment for civil service purposes.

§ 43-13. Authority to regulate traffic. [Amended 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987]

The members of the Department shall have the power, authority and duty to regulate traffic in person or by official traffic signals.

§ 43-14. Compensation. [Amended 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987]

The Borough police and special policemen appointed by the Mayor shall receive compensation as shall be fixed by the Borough Council.²

§ 43-15. Custody of lost, abandoned or stolen property.

The Chief of Police shall have the custody of all lost, abandoned or stolen property recovered in the Borough.

§ 43-16. Conditions of retention of rewards or gifts.

The Mayor, for meritorious service rendered by any member of the police force in the due discharge of his duty, may permit such member to retain for his own benefit, so far as he may be permitted by law, any reward or present tendered him therefor, and it shall be cause of removal for any member of the force to receive any such reward or present without notice thereof to the Mayor and without his permission.³

2. Editor's Note: See Ch. 51, Salaries and Compensation.

3. Editor's Note: Original Sections 17 and 18, which followed this section, were deleted 12-9-1987 by Ord. No. 891, approved 12-9-1987.