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13.101. CHIEF OF POLICE. PERSONNEL.

The police force shall consist of a chief and as many subordinate officers and patrolmen as may be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Council.

13.102. APPOINTMENT. TENURE. AUTHORITY.

The Chief of Police and all members of the department shall be duly appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the Mayor. Authority shall be as fixed by state statutes.

(1976 SC Code 5-9-30(1))

13.103. COMPENSATION.

The compensation of all members of the department shall be fixed by the Mayor and Council.

13.104. SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

In the event of an emergency, the Chief of Police may appoint such special policemen as he deems necessary to preserve the peace, and they shall be compensated as directed by the Mayor and Council. Council also may authorize uncompensated special policemen whose jurisdiction shall be limited to offenses committed on a premises controlled by the town.

13.105. ASSISTING POLICE. POSSE COMITATUS.

Any bystander called upon by a policeman for assistance in making an arrest shall render such assistance as is reasonable under the circumstances. Any person rendering such assistance shall be deemed acting as an agent of the town. Any person who refuses so to assist shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

13.106. ARREST AND BAIL.

Any person charged with violation of a town ordinance shall be forthwith arrested and held in custody pending release on bail or pursuant to trial. Bail shall be promptly set by the Municipal Judge, or pursuant to standards issued by him; provided, however, that a person charged with an offense involving intoxication shall be held in custody for a minimum of six hours. Upon the arrest of a person, all personal property found upon him, other than necessary clothing, shall be seized, inventoried and safekept pending his release from custody.

13.107. POLICE TO SELL RECOVERED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

a. This Section shall apply to all bicycles, cameras, electronic equipment, office machines, watches, clocks, jewelry and other items of personal property which may be recovered by the Police Department in connection with the performance of its duties, or turned in to the department, and shall be referred to herein as personal property.

b. All personal property which has been lost, stolen or abandoned and which is in the possession of the department shall be disposed of by annual public sale to the highest bidder by the Police Chief, or an officer appointed by him, in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

c. Such personal property which remains unclaimed by the owner, or if the owner is unknown, shall be sold at public sale after duly posting of notice of same at Town Hall at least fifteen days prior to such sale. The notice shall contain time, place and terms of the sale and a description of the property to be sold.

d. The proceeds from the sale of unclaimed personal property shall be paid into the General Fund of the town the day of the sale.