

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD AND ENTITLED “RESERVE POLICE FORCE”

Be it hereby created and established, the Bloomfield Reserve Police Force.

SECTION 1: This ordinance as written is enacted to establish a Reserve Police Force to serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police and City Council.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, Reserve Police Force, be and the same is hereby added to read as follows:

31.01 Membership. Membership in said Reserve Police Force shall be as prescribed in the reserves bylaws, rules, and regulations and shall be subject to the approval of the mayor and chief of police. Additionally, each applicant for said Reserve Police Force shall meet the following criteria:

1. A full check of the applicant’s background and personal history shall be conducted and approved by the Chief of Police.
2. Each applicant must pass a physical agility test to determine the fitness of the applicant for law enforcement duty.
3. No member of the Bloomfield Reserve Police Force shall at any time be authorized to carry a firearm unless they have received certification by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to include proper training for the use and carrying of a striking instrument, the use and carrying of pepper spray, a minimum of thirty hours of firearm instruction and the carrying of a weapon approved by the City Council (per Iowa Code 80D.7).
4. No member of the Bloomfield Reserve Police Force shall at any time be authorized to drive any vehicle owned, leased, or under the control of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, until they have successfully completed a defensive driving course offered by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
5. Each candidate shall be subject to a probationary period of not less than six months after completion of the minimum training course required by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The above criteria 4 and 5 may be waived by the mayor or a supervisor of the Bloomfield Police Department if they reasonably believe an emergency or dangerous condition exists and direct the reservist to act. When the emergency or dangerous condition has ceased, the above criteria shall again apply.

31.02 Appointment. Members of the Reserve Police Force shall be appointed by and shall serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police and the Council (per 30.02 and 30.06) of the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, and may be removed by either of said officials at any time without cause. Membership in the Reserve Police Force shall be limited in size to no more than five reservists unless otherwise directed by the Mayor, the Chief of Police and approved by the Council in time of emergency.

31.03 Service. Reserve peace officers shall serve as peace officers on the orders and discretion of the Chief of Police. While in the actual performance of official duties, reserve peace officers shall be vested with the same right, privileges, obligations, and duties as any other peace officers. (Iowa Code Section 80D.6)

31.04 Employees. Members of the Reserve Police Force shall be considered employees of the City during those periods when they are performing police duties as authorized and directed by the Chief of Police, and they shall receive a salary of one dollar per year. However, said reserve members shall not be entitled to any benefits or obligations of police retirement benefits, labor agreement or civil service, except workers' compensation (Iowa Code Section 80D.12) and liability insurance coverage (Iowa Code Section 80D.13).

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or party thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Daniel Wiegand, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandy Jones, City Clerk