

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE CHANGING CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE STYLED "POLICE RESERVE" IN PARTICULAR SECTION 70-26(b), SECTION 70-28 AND SECTION 70-33 CONTAINING SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Amendment.

That Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 70-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Commerce styled "Auxiliary police force established" be amended and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) An auxiliary police force to be known as the police reserve is hereby established. It shall be composed of personnel who have volunteered to join the organization, whose applications for membership have been accepted and who have complied with all the rules, regulations and orders provided for the conduct and control of the members of the police reserve.

(b) It shall be composed of a reasonable number as established by the chief of police. The police reserve shall be a distinct unit of the police department of the city, and it shall be headed by the duly appointed chief of police.

(c) Reserve police officers shall act only in a supplementary capacity to the regular police force and shall in no case assume the full-time duties of regular police officers without first complying with all requirements for such regular police officers.

SECTION 2: Amendment.

That Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 70-28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Commerce styled "List of those eligible to apply" be amended and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Applicants must meet the state eligibility requirements of the state commission on law enforcement officer standards. The application shall state the place of residence of the applicant. Each applicant shall reside within a reasonable commuting distance of the city and shall furnish satisfactory proof

of good character, temperate habits, freedom from communicable diseases and have the physical ability to perform the duties of the position for which he seeks appointment. He shall furnish three references and attach letters of recommendation from the references to the application. The application shall be on the form prescribed by the chief of police. All names upon the list of eligible shall subscribe to an oath that he will observe and obey the Constitution of the United States and the state constitution and all laws of this nation, this state and this city and that he will carry out the duties of the members of the police reserve force of this city to the best of his ability.

SECTION 3: Repealing Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 70-30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Commerce.

That Chapter 70, Article 2, Section 70-33 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Commerce styled "Power and authority concerning firearms" be and is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 4: Savings clause.

If any section, sub-section, work, sentence, or phase of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Declaring an emergency.

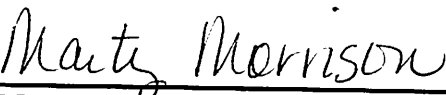
Whereas an emergency is apparent for the immediate preservation of order, health, safety and general welfare of the public, all rules and regulations requiring the reading of Ordinances more than one time and on more than one occasion are hereby suspended.

SECTION 6: Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Commerce, Texas, on this the 20th day of August, 1996.

ATTEST:

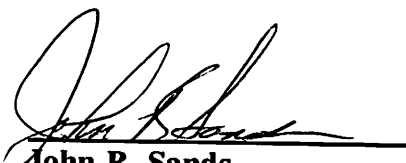


Marty Morrison
City Secretary

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CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS

BY:



John R. Sands
Mayor

I, Marty Morrison, City Secretary of the City of Commerce, Texas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance shown in Book _____, Page _____, of the minutes of the City of Commerce, Texas, and that the same has not been repealed and is in full force and effect.

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Marty Morrison

Marty Morrison
City Secretary
City of Commerce, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 21st day of August, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

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Lou Ann Stewart

Notary Public, State of Texas

