

ORDINANCE NO. 006-97

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE RESERVE FORCE; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUPERVISION AND NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED RESERVE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR SERVICE BY RESERVE OFFICERS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

Whereas, pursuant to § 341.012, Tex. Gov't. Code, the governing body of a municipality is authorized to provide for the establishment of a police reserve force;

Whereas, pursuant to the City Charter of the City, including but not limited to the authority provided in Art. VII, §§ 5 & 6, and Art. VIII, § 4, of the Charter, the City Commission is authorized to appoint and establish the duties of city officers and employees; provide for the public peace; and appoint police officers; and

Whereas, the establishment of a police reserve force will serve the public safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of De Leon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** A police reserve force is hereby established in the City of De Leon, Texas.

**Section 2.** The number of reserve police officers authorized is 4 officers.

**Section 3.** The Chief of Police shall appoint the members of the police reserve force subject to ratification and approval by the City Commission. The appointment of individual members of the police reserve force shall not be in effect until such individual appointments are approved by a majority vote of the City Commission.

**Section 4.** Each appointed reserve police officer shall, at the time of appointment, be a certified police officer in the State of Texas. It shall be the individual responsibility of each reserve police officer to maintain their standing as a certified police officer and to receive such training as is required to maintain such certification. The reserve police officers shall further maintain and complete not less than the continuing training as is required by the Chief of Police.

**Section 5.** The Chief of Police may call reserve police officers into service and schedule such reserve officers for duty as the Chief determines necessary and reasonable. Such reserve police officers shall have the authority of a peace officer within the City only when such reserve officer is on duty as requested, directed or scheduled by the Chief of Police.

**Section 6.** Subject to the approval of the City Commission, the Chief of Police may

prepare and enforce a policy, regulations and requirements, applicable to the qualifications, appointment, service, training, conduct, discipline and dismissal of reserve police officers appointed pursuant to this ordinance.

**Section 7.** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**Section 8.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 9.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and approval.


**Section 10.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 15th day of Sept., 1997.

FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED on this 23rd day of Sept., 1997.

**City of De Leon, Texas**

Attest:

  
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Norma Jo Locke, Mayor

  
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Florence Wood, City Secretary