

CHAPTER 139 - Police Department [\[14\]](#)

Sections:

Footnotes:

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Cross reference— Police Department - see CHTR. 5.13; Original appointment; probationary period and age - see Ohio R.C. 143.20, 143.23, 143.31; Reductions, suspensions and removals - see Ohio R.C. 143.27 et seq., 737.12; Sick leave - see Ohio R.C. 143.29; Civil service application - see Ohio R.C. 143.33, 737.051, 737.10, 737.11; Auxiliary police unit - see Ohio R.C. 737.051, 737.06

~~139.01 - ACCIDENT REPORT; FEE FOR COPY.~~

~~Fees for accident reports shall be charged pursuant to Section 133.08.~~

(Ord. 0047-2004. Passed 4-5-04.)

139.02~~1~~- RESERVE POLICE.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words and phrases, when used in this Section shall have the meaning herein described:

G.P.R. "means Gahanna Police Reserve.

Member means a duly appointed, qualified and acting reserve police officer.

OPOTA means Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

(b) *Rights.*

(1) The member is a volunteer and is accordingly not entitled to any contractual rights or City benefits.

(2) Each GPR member may be relieved of duty for any reason whatsoever solely at the discretion of the Chief of Police and/or the Director of Public Safety.

(c) *Requirements.*

(1) All applicants for appointment to the Gahanna Police Reserve must be certified through OPOTA and pass a full background check and polygraph, with documentation certified prior to appointment.

(2) All members are required to put in 16 hours per month on duty.

(3) All members shall read and sign all general orders and are to be held to the same professional standards as the full-time officers.

(d) *Duties.* The Gahanna Police Reserve is hereby created, and shall hereinafter be designated as the Gahanna Police Reserve (G.P.R.). Members of the G.P.R. shall be commissioned and shall have the general powers and duties conferred upon Gahanna police officers, as provided by law, subject to the following exceptions:

- (1) Members, regardless of rank, shall be subordinate to regular members of the Gahanna Police Department, as directed by the Chief of Police.
- (2) Members must attend all mandatory training in accordance with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council annual directives. Such training will be directed by the Chief of Police at no cost to the reserve officer.
- (3) Members will attend all meetings, and no member shall miss more than two consecutive meetings, unless just cause is shown.
- (4) Firearms.
 - A. All members shall be properly instructed in the use of firearms and shall be qualified by the Firearms Instructor.
 - B. Any member reported for misuse or mishandling of firearms shall be called before, and disciplined by, the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Safety.
 - C. Reserve members, while on duty, shall carry only weapons prescribed by the Chief of Police. Such weapons shall belong to the members and shall be registered with the Chief of Police; provided, however, that the City may provide weapons in lieu of, or in addition to, the heretofore prescribed weapons.

(e) *Organization.*

- (1) The G.P.R., during both training and actual service, shall be directed and supervised by the Chief of Police.
- (2) The G.P.R. shall consist of persons who are 21 years of age or older.
- (3) Applications. All applicants shall be checked and approved by the Chief of Police and, upon further approval of the Director of Public Safety be appointed.
- (4) A member shall be considered on duty when he/she is actually in uniform on assignment; when he/she is carrying out an order from his superior, whether in uniform or not; or when he/she is operating motor vehicle equipment owned by the Municipality.
- (5) Each member shall be paid \$1.00 per year via City check **OR CASH PAYMENT.**

(Ord. 0092-2009. Passed 5-4-09.)

139.032 - MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

The Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a mutual police aid agreement with the various political subdivisions located in Franklin County, for the purpose of providing mutual assistance in the interchange and use of police equipment and

personnel in cases of emergencies; the agreements are subject to the provisions as set forth in Section II of the original copy of Ordinance 46-72.

(Ord. 142-90. Passed 8-21-90.)

139.043 - CONTRABAND SEIZURE.

- (a) The Mayor is authorized and directed to accept cash, vehicles, and other property from the Common Pleas Courts of the State of Ohio in accordance with the Contraband Seizure Forfeiture Act Ohio R.C. 2933.43; however, any acceptance of real estate by the Mayor shall be subject to approval by ordinance of Council.
- (b) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to place all cash received into a special Law Enforcement Trust Fund with the City Director of Finance, to be used solely for law enforcement purposes as directed by Council.
- (c) All vehicles and property asserted or brass tagged to the Gahanna Police Department shall be used solely for law enforcement purposes, or sold and, if sold, the proceeds from the sale shall be disposed of in the order as directed in Ohio R.C. 2933.43(D)(1), (2), (3), (4), inclusive with the balance deposited in the special Law Enforcement Trust Fund, as provided in Ohio R.C. 2933.43(D)(4).

(Ord. 142-90. Passed 8-21-90.) (See Administrative Code Section 133.091.)

139.04 – POLICE OFFICER AGE RESTRICTIONS

(a) NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A POLICE OFFICER UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REACHED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21). NO PERSON HAVING REACHED THEIR ~~THIRTY-FIFTH (35TH)~~ FORTY-FIRST (41ST) BIRTHDAY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A FULL-TIME PEACE OFFICER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

(SEE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 124.41.)