

CHAPTER 21
POLICE

Article I. In General

21 – 1.00 Organization of police department.

The police department of the town shall consist of a chief and as many police officers, dispatchers and other personnel as the town manager and board of commissioners shall from time to time determine to be necessary, and as many special police officers as the mayor and board of commissioners may deem necessary to appoint for special purposes.

21 – 2.00 Chief of police.

The chief of police shall be appointed by the town manager with regard to merit only and need not be a resident of the town at the time of his appointment. The chief shall have control over the police department under the supervision and direction of the manager. The chief shall keep the manager informed of the department's activities and make such reports that the board of commissioners or the manager may from time to time require, and he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the manager.

21 – 3.00 Uniforms for police officers.

All police officers shall wear uniforms as shall be provided by the town, shall keep the uniforms in a neat and clean condition and shall surrender all uniforms and equipment upon leaving the police service of the town if the uniforms and equipment were furnished by the town.

Article II. Powers and duties.

21 – 4.00 Powers and duties of police officers.

Each police officer shall:

- 4.01** Have within the corporate limits of the town, and within the territory extending three (3) miles from the corporate limits, all of the powers vested in law enforcement by statute or common law.

4.02 Have power to serve all civil and criminal process that may be directed to him by any officer of the general court of justice.

4.03 Rigidly enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations of the town and the state.

4.04 At all times preserve the peace and protect the property and the safety of the citizens of the town.

21 – 5.00 Resisting police prohibited.

No person shall resist the police while in the discharge of their duty, by force, words or threats or any attempt to excite others to resistance, or in any other manner obstruct them in the performance of their duty.

21 – 6.00 Departmental operating organization.

The police department shall adopt Departmental Operating Procedures in order to insure the orderly performance of duties by all department personnel. Such procedures shall be in keeping with the provisions of the ordinances of the town and shall be approved by the town manager. A copy of the procedures shall remain in the office of the town manager and in the office of the chief of police and shall be distributed to all departmental personnel. The Departmental Operating Procedures Manual is made part of this ordinance as if incorporated herein.

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POLICE PROCEDURES MANUAL

N. C. General Statutes Reference:

- GS 14-221 et. seq.
- GS 15A-401
- GS 15A-511 et. seq.
- GS 128-16 et. seq.
- GS 160A-281 et. seq.
- GS 90-21.20
- GS 160A-282
- GS 160A-283
- GS 160A-284