

Amended No. 8402

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO APPOINT A CHIEF OF POLICE, POLICE OFFICERS AND A POLICE RESERVE FORCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Grapeland has increased in population over the proceeding five (5) year period:
and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and welfare to organize a police force for the City of Grapeland in order to protect the citizens and their property interests;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: APPOINTMENT: The Mayor shall, with the consent of a majority of the City Council members, appoint a Chief of Police who shall hold office for the duration of his appointment unless removed. Upon request made by the Chief of Police, additional officers may be appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 2: DUTIES AND POWERS: The Chief of Police shall supervise and direct all activities of the Police Department and perform such duties and possess such powers and authority as the City Council and Mayor may, by ordinance, require and confer, in consistency with the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to preserve law and order within the City and especially to enforce the ordinances of the City of Grapeland.

SECTION 3: BOND: The Chief of Police shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the City Council may require.

SECTION 4: SALARY: The Chief of Police and all officers of the Police Department of the City of Grapeland shall receive a reasonable salary for the services provided to the City. Said salary shall be fixed by the City Council.

SECTION 5: POLICE RESERVE FORCE: The Mayor may, upon request of the Chief of Police and with the consent of a majority of the City Council members, appoint members of a police reserve force.

SECTION 6: DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE: Members of the police reserve force, if authorized by the City Council shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chief of Police and shall serve as peace officers only at the times and places authorized by the Chief of Police.

SECTION 7: DUTIES AND POWERS: Reserve police officers shall act only in a supplementary capacity to the regular officers 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 8: COMPENSATION: Member of the police reserve force may serve without compensation, but the City Council may provide reasonable uniform compensation for members of the police reserve force. The compensation shall be based solely upon time actually served by a member of the police reserve force while in training for, or in the performance of, official duties.

SECTION 9: AUTHORIZED STRENGTH: In accordance with state regulations, the City Council of the City of Grapeland hereby officially designates up to five full-time officers, ten part-time officers and five reserve officers to be selected by the Police Chief with Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND THAT Ordinance No. 8402 is hereby amended.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of November 2021.



Mitchell Woody, Mayor

ATTEST:



Niky Nivens, City Secretary