

CITY OF GIG HARBOR
Gig Harbor, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 459

AN ORDINANCE CREATING a Reserve Police Unit:
Establishing the duties of such unit; the requirements for membership; the responsibilities of the Chief of Police; the police powers, compensation and limits of liability.

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that the present City Municipal Code does not currently provide for the establishment of a Reserve Police Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council has determined that it is in the interest of public safety to enhance the emergency response capabilities of the city by reasonable and cost effective means; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a police reserve unit would constitute such enhancement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Gig Harbor City Council that the Gig Harbor City Code, as codified in Title 2, be amended by the addition of the following chapter:

Section 1. Created. There is created and established a reserve police unit of up to six members. Each member shall be appointed by the chief of police of the city. The reserve police unit shall function under the supervision of the chief of police of the city.

Section 2. Duties. The duties of the reserve police unit are to supplement and assist the regular police force in the protection of life, property, and preservation of peace and order, and to perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the chief of police or his designate.

Section 3. Membership. To be eligible for membership in the reserve police unit each applicant must file application with the chief of police, indicate his/her willingness to serve an average minimum of sixteen hours per month in the public service.

Members of the reserve police unit shall:

- (1) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (2) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- (3) Be trustworthy and of good moral character;
- (4) Not have been convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude;
- (5) Submit to polygraph and psychological testing;
- (6) Furnish their own uniform and related equipment.

The chief of police is authorized to furnish each member of the reserve police unit with a membership identification card and police badge. The membership identification card is to be carried by such member at all times, and the police badge is to be worn only when the reserve officer is authorized to wear the prescribed uniform.

Membership of any person in the reserve police unit may be revoked at any time by the chief of police. Any member of the reserve unit may resign upon notification to the chief of police. Upon separation from the organization, all equipment issued to him/her by the city must be turned in immediately.

Section 4. Chief of police. The chief of police is the commanding officer to the reserve police unit. He shall be responsible for establishing a training program, promulgating rules and regulations for their conduct, prescribing their uniform and supervising their performance of duty. He shall select candidates and make appointments to the reserve unit and may appoint such regular, full-commissioned officers as he deems necessary to assist in supervision and operation of the reserve unit.

No member of the reserve police unit shall be regarded as a city employee for any purpose.

Section 5. Powers. Members of the reserve police unit shall have all those powers vested in them by the chief of police while in the performance of officially authorized duties, but under no circumstances shall said reserve police officers exercise any power while not in the performance of duties ordered by the chief of police or by a regular police officer.

Section 6. Compensation. Members of the reserve police unit serve without compensation, but the city council may, in its discretion, pay all or part of the cost of furnishing uniforms and equipment when the appropriation therefore has been indicated as an item related to emergency services/civil defense preparedness.

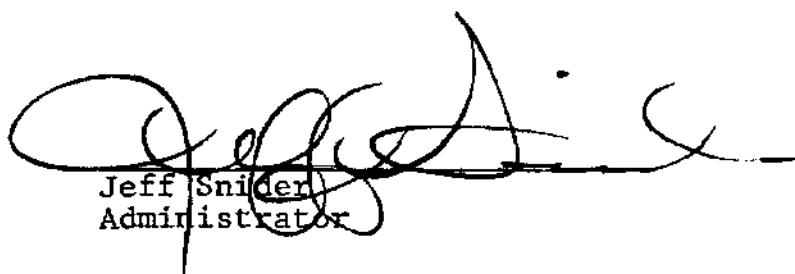
Section 7. Liability. The city may register all members of the reserve police unit as emergency services/civil defense personnel so that in the event of injury or death in the performance of duty, such reserve police officers will be eligible for compensation available for this purpose as established by the State Legislature and administered by the State Department of Emergency Services.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after the date of its publication in the manner required by law.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof and approved by the Mayor this 23rd day of April, 1985.

Ruth M. Bogue
Ruth M. Bogue, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeff Snider
Administrator