

# YALE CITY CODE

## Chapter 20

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Article 1.

##### Sec. 20-1      Established.

There is hereby established a police department.

##### Sec. 20-2      Policemen are city officers.

All policemen are officers of the city.

##### Sec. 20-3      Functions.

The police department shall be responsible for all criminal and traffic investigations, criminal and traffic law enforcement, handling routine complaints, general patrol, traffic direction and parking control, receiving, processing, and maintaining all criminal records, traffic records, and personnel records; analyzing criminal and traffic records; police training; budget; correspondence; vehicle and building maintenance; operating chemical testing equipment; and providing other services essential to efficient operations.

##### Sec. 20-4.      Service in other cities in emergency.

(a) Approval is hereby given for service of members of the regular police department of this city as police officers of any other city or town, in an emergency situation, when such service is requested by the Mayor or Chief of Police of said city or town, in accordance with Title 11 Section 34-103 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

(b) Requests for such service shall be made in writing or by telephone, or other means of communication, to the City Manager, who, if he determines that the request can be granted consistently with the continuance of the proper police protection to the inhabitants of Yale, shall direct the Chief of Police to furnish the number of officers available and to arrange for their transportation to the requesting municipality.

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## Article 2. Police Department

### Sec. 20-5. Police Department: Created: Chief of Police Duties.

(a) There shall be a police department, the head of which shall be the Chief of Police, or Police Chief, appointed by the City Manager for an indefinite term, and removable by the City Manager. The Chief of Police is an officer of the city and has supervision and control of the police department. All police officers are officers of the City. The department shall be responsible for all criminal investigations, criminal and traffic law enforcement, handling routine complaints, general patrol, traffic direction and parking control, receiving, processing and maintaining all criminal and traffic records and personnel records, analyzing criminal and traffic records, operating chemical testing equipment, and providing other services essential to efficient operations. The Police Chief shall have supervision and control of the police department subject to the supervision and control of the City Manager.

(b) The Police Chief shall have authority to appoint one or more police officers subject to confirmation by the City Manager. Police Officers may be removed by either the Police Chief or by the City Manager.

(c) When used in this code or ordinances of the city, the words "Police Chief" or "Chief of Police" shall mean the city marshal.

(d) When used in this code or ordinances of the city Officer means any duly appointed and sworn officer of the regular police department of the city of Yale whose duties are to preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, serve warrants, enforce all laws and City of Yale ordinances, and who is authorized to bear arms in the execution of such duties. It shall also mean city marshal or deputy marshal. (ORD. NO. 399)

### Sec. 20-6. Police department; Police Chief and Policemen; duties.

(a) The Police Chief is a police officer and shall have the powers and liabilities of sheriffs in executing orders of the City Commission and enforcing ordinances of the City of Yale, as provided by Oklahoma Statutes, Title 11, § 34-102. The policemen shall also be police officers.

(b) It shall be the duty of the police department to apprehend and arrest on view or on warrant and bring to justice all violators of the ordinances of the City of Yale; to suppress all riots, affrays, and unlawful assemblies which may come to their knowledge and generally to

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keep the peace, to serve all warrants, writs, executions, and other processes properly directed and delivered to them; to apprehend and arrest persons violating federal or state law as provided by

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law, and to turn them over to proper authorities and in all respects to perform all duties pertaining to the offices of police officers.

### Sec. 20-7. Police department, city marshal, deputies and policemen; educational requirements.

(a) No person shall receive a permanent appointment as a police officer in the City of Yale until:

(1) Such person has undergone evaluation similar to the Minnesota Multi-Phasic Personality Inventory or its equivalent as provided for by Title 11, Section 34-101.1 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

(2) Such person has been awarded a certificate, attesting to his or her satisfactory completion of a basic police course of accredited instruction from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training as required by Title 70, Oklahoma Statutes, § 3311 or a curriculum or course of study approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

(b) Every person who is not the holder of such certificate, and is duly appointed as a police officer, shall be appointed to such position on a temporary basis only and shall, within six (6) months from the date of appointment, qualify as required in subsection (a) or forfeit such position. The Chief of Police shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) within the first twelve (12) months after assuming the duties of the office to which they are appointed.

(c) Every person who is employed as a permanent police officer prior to July 1, 1968, or is retired under Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, § 50-114, shall enjoy the privilege of certification as afforded by this section.

### Sec. 20-8. Police Reserve.

(a) A police reserve is hereby established to augment the regular police department in the event of an emergency or disaster or at other times as deemed necessary or directed by the Chief of Police.

(b) All members of the police reserve will be subject to the police, rules and regulations established for the police reserve by the City Commission of the City of Yale.

(c) The City Commission may make and publish such additional rules and regulations consistent with this article and as may be necessary for its implementation.

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### Sec. 20-9. Appointment of Reserve Officers.

(a) Police reserve officers shall be appointed by the Police Chief and shall, prior to the appointment to the police reserve, have a complete background inquiry of the applicant conducted by the police department. The applicant shall be personally interviewed by the Police Chief or his representative, and the applicant's photograph and fingerprints shall be obtained.

(b) Each applicant shall be interviewed as to his ability to safely handle firearms and shall submit to a physical examination at the applicant's expense to determine fitness to perform assigned duties.

(c) No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Police Reserve Organization who shall be a member of any other law enforcement reserve force except that any officer may hold a cross deputization commission with the Payne County Sheriff's office, whether it be municipal, state or other reserve force, or who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, or of any other state or of the United States, or an offense involving moral turpitude nor shall any such person be eligible to continue to serve as a member of the Yale Police reserve who has been convicted by a felony under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, or of any other state or of the United States, or any offense involving moral turpitude. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to refuse such appointment to all persons under the age of twenty-one, drug addicts, habitual drunkards and such other persons as he has reasonable cause to believe are not qualified.

(d) The total number of the Yale Police Reserve Organization shall not be greater than eight (8).

### Sec. 20-10. Qualifications of Police Reserve Organization Members.

All members and applicants of the Yale Police Reserve Organization shall possess the following qualifications:

(a) Be a resident within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the corporate limits of the City of Yale, Oklahoma.

(b) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(c) Not have been convicted of a felony or of a crime involving moral turpitude.

(d) Have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by the State of Oklahoma.

(e) Be willing to subject themselves to a complete background investigation,

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including military records, by the Yale Police Department or such other law enforcement agency as may be required.

### Sec. 20-11. Status of Police Reserve Member.

(a) The duly appointed members of the Police Reserve Organization shall be on a probationary status for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of their appointment after which time the Chief of Police may commission them as permanent reserve police officers. Members of the police reserve shall serve at the pleasure of the Police Chief and upon termination, or any reason shall have no appeal rights, and no access to the review revisions of the personnel policy for the City, nor shall any police reserve member be given any of the benefits or rights of the City of Yale Personnel Policy.

(b) Police reserve members shall be required to comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, as provided for in Oklahoma Statutes, Title 70, § 3311, as amended.

(c) Police Reserve members, not previously so qualified, shall within the first six (6) months after their appointment, complete a basic Reserve Police Course that has been approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Failure to complete such course will result in immediate termination from the Yale Reserve Organization.

(d) Reserve police officers shall the powers, duties and functions for regular full-time police officers pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Section 34-101 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

### Sec. 20-12. Compensation and Uniforms.

(a) Members of the Yale Police Reserve Organization shall be volunteers and shall serve without pay or compensation except as follows:

- (1) When authorized in writing and in advance by the City Manager.
- (2) In times of disaster or other civil emergency when service is necessary and required to protect lives and property of the citizens and residents of the City of Yale.
- (3) Appearance in Municipal Court or District Court.

(b) Police Reserve Organization members will be furnished uniforms as prescribed by the Chief of Police and shall wear uniforms when on duty assignments as designated by the Chief of Police and approved by the City Manager.

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### Sec. 20-13. Police Reserve Organization Officers.

The officers of the Yale Police Reserve Organization shall be at a minimum a Captain. Such officer shall be selected by the Chief of Police and shall be selected upon his or her ability to meet the following requirements.

- (1) Their ability to lead and direct the members of the Yale Police Reserve Organization.
- (2) Their knowledge of police matters.
- (3) Their ability to assist and direct citizens and persons within the City of Yale.

### Sec. 20-14. Police Reserve Organization requirements.

All members of the Yale Police Reserve Organization shall be required to do the following:

- (1) When notified, to respond and report for duty.
- (2) To be present and attend all regular meetings of the Yale Police Reserve, unless excused.
- (3) To attend all required training sessions.
- (4) To adhere to the chain of command and to follow all lawful orders and instructions of his or her superiors, to include members of the regular Yale Police Department.
- (5) To assist in promoting good public relations between the citizens of Yale and the Yale Police Department by increasing the visibility of law enforcement.
- (6) To assist in the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension and conviction of criminals.
- (7) To promote and encourage high standards of law enforcement and honor in the law enforcement profession.
- (8) To have no more than three (3) unexcused absences from Yale Police Reserve meetings during any calendar year.