

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RESERVE OFFICER FORCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 100-03

AN ORDINANCE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT. As provided by Section 11-43-210, Code of Alabama, 1975, a police reserve force, hereinafter called Reserve, is hereby established within the Police Department of the City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS. The Reserve shall consist of not more than 5 (five) members. (This number of members may be increased or decreased by the mayor and council as needed.) Any person desiring appointment to the Reserve must submit a written application (with the approval of the chief of police and Reserve director) to the Cordova public safety committee and mayor and council. The mayor and council shall determine any and all final approval of Reserve officers. Any person desiring appointment shall by application certify he or she is at least 19 (nineteen) years of age, of good moral character and reputation, and has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving force, violence or moral turpitude. Applicants must consent in writing to a fingerprint and background search. Applicants must sign a waiver of liability, which releases the City of Cordova from liability if the Reserve officer is injured while performing the duties as a Reserve officer of the City of Cordova. Applicants, upon approval as a Reserve officer, shall pay the City of Cordova for their own Workers Compensation Insurance coverage.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT. The mayor and council shall determine final appointment of Reserve officers. Such appointments shall be for terms of 4 (four) years. Members of the Reserve serve at the pleasure of the chief of police, Reserve director, or mayor and council. Members of the Reserve may be "removed" with or without cause and without hearing, by the mayor and council, by the public safety committee, by the chief of police, or by the Reserve director. The mayor and council shall determine if a Reserve officer who has been "removed" will be suspended from the Reserve force.

SECTION 4. SUPERVISION. The Reserve shall function under the immediate direction of the chief of police. The chief of police may appoint a full time officer to serve as Reserve Director, who shall provide for it's training and organization. The chief of police or Reserve director is hereby authorized and directed to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the Reserve.

SECTION 5. EQUIPMENT. Each member of the Reserve shall be issued an identification card signed by the chief of police and the mayor. Members of the Reserve shall carry this identification card with them at all times. Each member of the Reserve shall be issued a Reserve badge only to be worn while on active duty. The Reserve badge shall be returned to the City of Cordova upon a Reserve officer's leaving the Reserve. Any and all special equipment (i.e. high capacity magazines, etc.) ordered using the authority of the City of Cordova or using the authority of the Police Department of Cordova will have to be approved by the mayor and council.

SECTION 6. ARREST POWERS. No members of the Reserve shall have any authority to exercise any power of arrest.

SECTION 7. ACTIVE DUTY. The chief of police, the Reserve director or the mayor shall call members of the Reserve to active duty. Members of the Reserve shall perform a minimum of 16 (sixteen) hours active duty each month.

SECTION 8. DUTIES. Reserve officers may patrol to detect, prevent and suppress crime or to enforce traffic laws, provided they operate under the direct supervision of a certified law enforcement officer. The Reserve officer may direct traffic and render crowd control assistance at public gatherings or municipal functions, provided supervisory control will be exercised by a certified law enforcement officer whose total span of control would be considered within reasonable limits. For purposes of this section, the term "certified law enforcement officer" shall mean a Cordova police officer who has completed the training requirements of the Alabama peace officers' standards and training commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1975.

SECTION 9. WEAPONS. The mayor and council may authorize individual Reserve officers to carry a weapon (firearm) while on active duty if the following requirements are met:

- a.) Must obtain a properly issued permit for the firearm.
- b.) Must annually complete the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission firearms minimum standards course with a score of 70 (seventy) or more.
- c.) Must attend monthly training meetings.
- d.) Must attend/complete certification classes.

Members of the Reserve will be subject to the same regulations, guidelines, and disciplinary actions as are certified Cordova Police Officers. Each Reserve member's authority to carry a weapon and the weapon that may be carried will be determined by the mayor and council.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED THIS THE 22 DAY OF July, 2003.

Tom Duckert Mayor

ATTEST: Elaine Stulen City Clerk