

## RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2025

### **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON PURSUANT TO LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES INCLUDING R.S. 33:423, R.S. 33:385.1, AND THE LAWRASON ACT (R.S. 33:321–463)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hosston, Louisiana, acknowledges the essential role of the Chief of Police in protecting the public welfare, maintaining law and order, and leading the municipal police department with professionalism and integrity;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to **Louisiana Revised Statutes R.S. 33:423**, in municipalities where the Chief of Police is elected, the Chief shall have **general supervision and control over the daily operations of the police department** and is **responsible for enforcing all municipal ordinances and applicable state laws**;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police, as an elected official, operates independently in the administration of the department, while cooperating with municipal leadership to further the interests of public safety;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hosston operates under the **Lawrason Act**, as codified in **R.S. 33:321–463**, specifically **Part II – Municipal Officers**, which governs the organization and powers of municipal officials, including the Chief of Police;

**WHEREAS**, **R.S. 33:385.1** outlines **minimum qualifications** for a candidate seeking the office of Chief of Police in Lawrason Act municipalities, which include, but not limited to:

- Compliance with all **Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)** Council requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Mayor and Board of Aldermen** of the **Village of Hosston**, in regular session convened, that:

1. The **Village of Hosston** affirms that the **Chief of Police** shall have **general operational authority and supervisory control** of the police department, in accordance with **R.S. 33:423**, including but not limited to:
  - Enforcement of all municipal ordinances and state laws,
  - Oversight of department staff and daily operations,
  - Accountability for departmental records, reporting, budgeting, and policy adherence.
2. The Village confirms that the **office of Chief of Police** shall only be held by individuals who **meet or exceed the minimum qualifications** as established by **R.S. 33:385.1** and the **Lawrason Act (R.S. 33:321–463, Part II, Sections 19–23)**.

3. The Board of Aldermen emphasizes the importance of **cooperation, transparency, and mutual respect** between the Chief of Police and the Mayor and Board, in alignment with the principles and structures set forth in Louisiana state law.
4. This resolution shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Village and shall serve as the municipal government's **formal recognition and affirmation** of the legal duties and qualifications of the Chief of Police of Hosston.

**This resolution was adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston.**

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Hayden Linn, Town Clerk