

## **ORDINANCE NO. 239-88**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A  
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE; DESCRIBING THE POWERS AND  
DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND OFFICERS; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman of the town of Willow Park have deemed it in the best interest of the citizens of Willow Park to establish a Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Police Department to serve and protect the citizens, residences and businesses of the town of Willow Park will greatly increase the quality of life and will increase the safety and welfare of the cities of Willow Park.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS:

Sec. 1. DEPARTMENT OF POLICE:

That there is hereby created and established for the City of Willow Park, Texas, a Department of Police to be directed by Chief of Police, who shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Alderman.

Sec. 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Department of Police shall be composed of the Chief of Police and other such officers, patrolmen and employees as the Board of Alderman may from time to time so determine. The Chief of Police shall have immediate direction and control of the Police Department subject to the provision of the City Administrator and also subject to such rules, regulations and orders as the Board of Alderman or City Administrator may prescribe.

The Chief of Police may be either part or full time as the Board of Alderman may direct from time to time. The Chief of Police shall have all powers, rights, authorities and jurisdiction as by law vested by the State of Texas whether for police or for marshals.

Chief of Police shall receive a salary to be fixed by the Board of Alderman. He shall remain in office at the sole pleasure of the Board of Alderman and for such term or terms as the Board of Alderman may so direct.

Sec. 3. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:

The members of the Police Department other than the Chief of Police shall be selected from a list of eligible candidates prepared by the Chief and City Administrator in accordance with the rules and regulations as the City Administrator or Board of Alderman may prescribe. Those members are to be appointed and approved by the town Board of Alderman. All officers in the Police Department shall remain employed as police officers at the pleasure of the Board of Alderman and for such terms as the board may so direct.

Each member of the Department of Police shall before entering upon his duties, subscribe to an oath that he will faithfully, without fear or favor, perform the duties of his office. Salaries of each member of the Police Department shall be set by the Board of Alderman.

Sec. 4. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Generally; the officers constituting the Department of Police, City of Willow Park, shall be and there hereby vested with all the power and authority given to them as police officers under the laws of the State of Texas in taking cognizance of and enforcing criminal laws of the State of Texas and the ordinances and regulations of the town within the city limits of the City of Willow Park, and it shall be the duty of each such officer to use his best endeavors to prevent the commission within the town of offenses against the laws of the state and against the ordinances and regulations of this city. Such officers shall not receive any fee or other compensation for any services rendered in the performance of his duty other than the salary paid by the city, nor shall he receive a fee as a witness in any case rising under the criminal laws of the state or under the ordinances or regulations of the city and prosecuting in the court of said city.

Sec. 5. UNIFORM, BADGES AND ARMS:

Chief of Police shall prescribe the uniforms and badges for the members of the Police Department and further direct the manner in which the members of said force shall be armed. Any person other than a member of said Police Department who shall wear such uniform or badges shall be subject to such fines which may be subscribed by the council of Board of Alderman by proper ordinance.

Sec. 6. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE HEREOF.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Passed on first reading on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1988, by a vote of 4 to 0.

CITY OF WILLOW PARK

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Mark Bumpas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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