



# ORDINANCE

## CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 15-1. Composition of department.

Consistent with the provisions of the charter of the city, the police department of said city shall comprise the chief of police, a deputy chief and ~~not less than the following additional~~ **such other** officers and employees as may be required to fulfill the mission of the department.

- (1) ~~One deputy chief.~~
- (2) ~~One captain.~~
- (3) ~~One detective captain.~~
- (4) ~~Four (4) lieutenants.~~
- (5) ~~One detective lieutenant.~~
- (6) ~~Seven (7) sergeants.~~
- (7) ~~One detective sergeant.~~
- (8) ~~One police matron.~~
- (9) ~~Fifty nine (59) police officers.~~
- (10) ~~Two (2) civilian clerks (stenographer typists)~~
- (11) ~~One hundred fifty (150) special patrolmen.~~
- (12) ~~Forty five (45) school crossing guards.~~
- (13) ~~One dog warden.~~
- (14) ~~One deputy dog warden.~~

#### Sec. 15-2. Organization of the department.

The police department shall be organized in four (4) separate divisions as follows:

##### I. *The ~~uniformed~~ patrol division*

- (1) ~~One captain.~~
- (2) ~~Four (4) lieutenants.~~
- (3) ~~Six (6) sergeants.~~



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~~(4) — Forty four (44) police officers.~~

#### II. *The detective investigations division.*

~~(1) — One detective captain.~~

~~(2) — One detective lieutenant.~~

~~(3) — One detective sergeant.~~

#### III. *Special The administrative services division.*

~~(1) — One lieutenant circuit court liaison officer.~~

~~(2) — One sergeant maintenance supervisor.~~

~~(3) — One sergeant parking meters.~~

~~(4) — One police officer parking authority.~~

~~(5) — One police officer police clerk.~~

~~(6) — Five (5) police officers detective division.~~

~~(7) — One police officer maintenance assistant supervisor.~~

~~(8) — One police matron.~~

~~(9) — One dog warden.~~

~~(10) — One deputy dog warden.~~

~~(11) — Forty five (45) school crossing guards.~~

~~Assignments to (1) through (8) inclusive above shall be from regular members of the uniformed division.~~

#### IV. *The traffic and accident professional standards division.*

~~(1) — One (1) sergeant.~~

~~(2) — Ten (10) police officers.~~

~~(3) — One (1) civilian clerk (stenographer typist).~~

#### **Sec. 15-3. General duties of members of the department.**

All members of the police department shall obey all lawful orders of the mayor of the city, as conservator of the peace of the said city, and of the chief of police, concerning their behavior and duty.



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They shall guard the city day and night and preserve the public peace therein, report to the chief all violations of law **and** all suspicious persons, all places **and** activities where they suspect liquor to be sold illegally, all houses of ill fame, gaming houses and disorderly or suspicious places of resort. They shall serve notices ordered by the common council, render all required information and assistance to citizens and strangers, keep open and free from obstruction in every manner the sidewalks, streets, and public places of the city, and perform all lawful duties that are required of them by the mayor, the chief of police or by the enactments of the common council.

#### **Sec. 15-4. Oath of members of department.**

Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, every member of the police force shall make an oath or affirmation before some competent authority that he will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Connecticut, and will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and shall cause a certificate of such oath or affirmation to be lodged with the city clerk.

#### **Sec. 15-5. Conflict of interest.**

Any full-time employee of the police department of the City of Danbury, including but not limited to the chief, officers, police officers, and clerks, who shall act as any other officer of said city or who shall engage in any business interfering at all with his or her duties, shall be deemed to have tendered his or her resignation, and the same shall be accepted by the mayor and his or her office shall be declared vacant and filled as provided in the charter of the city.

#### **Sec. 15-6. Gratuities prohibited.**

No fee or compensation other than the regular pay shall be charged or received by any member of the police force, nor shall any member of the force receive any present or reward for services rendered or to be rendered by him, unless with the consent of the common council.

#### **Sec. 15-7. Duties of chief.**

The duties of the chief of police are set out in section 144 of the charter of the city. He shall be in overall command of the police department at all times except when relieved from duty in accordance with law; and he shall be answerable to the mayor, as the chief executive magistrate and conservator of the peace of the said city.

#### **Sec. 15-8. Duties of the deputy chief.**

The deputy-chief shall be second in command of the entire department and, in the absence of the chief of police, shall assume all of the duties and responsibilities of the chief. He shall perform all duties assigned to him by departmental regulations or lawful order of the chief.

#### **Sec. 15-9. Duties of detective captain.**

~~The captain of detectives shall be in direct command of the detective division and shall be considered on duty at all times except when relieved in accordance with law and departmental regulations.~~



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~~He shall be responsible to the chief of police for the efficiency, discipline and performance of the detective division and for strict adherence to departmental regulations and obedience to the lawful orders of the chief of police.~~

#### **Sec. 15-10. Command of Department.**

The overall command of the police department shall, in the absence of the chief of police, devolve upon the deputy chief. In the event that both the chief and the deputy chief are absent from duty, overall command of the department shall pass in the manner designated by the chief ~~through regulation.~~

#### **Sec. 15-11. Headquarters.**

Police headquarters shall be kept open at all hours, and one or more police officers shall be on duty in such headquarters at all times.

#### **Sec. 15-12. Badges and uniforms.**

Each member of the police department shall carry at all times the badge furnished to him identifying him as a police officer and signifying his grade.

All members of the uniformed division while on duty shall wear the prescribed uniform and display the aforesaid badges as fully described in departmental regulations unless otherwise specially ordered by lawful authority.

#### **Sec. 15-13. Special patrolmen.**

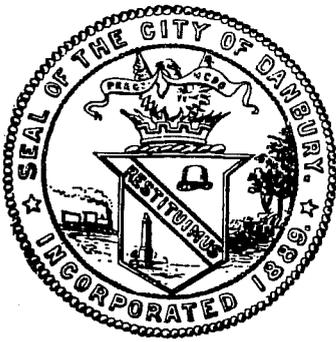
All special police officer shall be under the control of the chief of police and shall, when on duty, conform in all respects to departmental regulations and general orders governing regular police officer. The chief of police shall call any or all of them for duty as occasion may require, and when on duty, they shall wear the uniform and distinguishing badges prescribed for regular members of the department.

#### **~~Sec. 15-14. Special constables.~~**

~~The mayor shall, with the approval of the council, appoint such number of special constables as he deems necessary to preserve the public peace within such city, who may serve for terms of not more than two (2) years, or during any public celebration or gathering or any riot or unusual excitement, and such special constables shall have the authority to make arrests for commission of crimes and shall be subject to the lawful orders of the chief of police and departmental regulations.~~

#### **Sec. 15-15. School crossing guards.**

Effective July 1, 2006, All school crossing guards shall be under the control of the **board of education.** ~~chief of police and shall, when on duty, be under departmental regulations applicable to them. Such crossing guards shall not be assigned to any duty other than as crossing guards.~~



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#### ~~Sec. 15-16. Police matron.~~

~~The police matron shall be under the lawful orders of the chief of police and she shall perform the duties required of police matrons by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and departmental regulations of the police department.~~

#### Sec. 15-17. Appointments.

- (A) All applicants must be citizens of the United States.
- (B) All applicants must have a high school diploma or an equivalent education certified by the state board of education.
- (C) Every applicant shall have reached his or her ~~eighteenth~~ **twenty-first** birthday.
- (D) The vision of each applicant shall be at least 20/50 in each eye, correctable to 20/20 in each eye.
- (E) Every applicant shall have normal hearing without the use of any hearing or other aids.
- (F) The weight of each applicant shall be consistent with and in proportion to his or her height and age.
- ~~(G) Applications shall not be accepted from any person who has ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.~~
- (H) Each applicant must pass a thorough physical examination, including **drug screening**, an examination of physical agility, ~~as well as~~ **and a psychiatric examination-psychological evaluation** conducted by a physician or physicians or other qualified persons as designated by the City of Danbury.
- (I) Any applicant who is a member in good standing of the Danbury special police shall, after attaining a passing grade on the civil service examination, be credited with two (2) additional points for each full year of service as a special police officer, but in no event shall said credit exceed ten (10) additional points, and provided that no additional points shall be credited to an applicant unless:
  - (1) The applicant otherwise qualifies under other provisions of this section; and
  - (2) The chief of police certifies that the applicant has during his term as a special police officer:
    - (a) Been qualified with his or her duty weapon as required by department regulations,
    - (b) Conducted his or her duties, followed all lawful orders given, and conformed to all department regulations and general orders governing regular police officers without reprimand,
    - (c) Attended a majority of the instructional classroom sessions made available by the chief of police for the purpose of police officer training,



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(d) Performed at least one hundred sixty (160) hours of service as a special police officer for the City of Danbury during each year for which the applicant claims a credit for purposes hereof.

(J) All appointments to the regular police department shall be for a probationary period of one (1) year, during which time the probationary police officer shall successfully pass a ~~course of training as required by Public Act 575 of the February 1965 Special Session of the State of Connecticut Legislature (section 7-294(e) Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958)~~ **the basic police officer certification course as prescribed by the State of Connecticut, Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POST)**. If he fails to pass the course of training, he shall not be appointed a regular police officer and shall be relieved of his duties as a probationary police officer. The provisions of this paragraph relative to the course of training may be waived by the appointing authority if the applicant has previously completed a course of training required by the State of Connecticut. In addition, no person shall be permitted to assume the duties of a police officer unsupervised unless he shall have completed ~~eighty (80) hours of in-service field training and in-service requirements~~, as prescribed by the ~~chief of police~~ **State of Connecticut, Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POST)**.

(K) All appointments shall be based upon merit as the result of competitive examinations conducted under the auspices of the civil service commission of the City of Danbury. The civil service commission shall avail itself of professional testing services for the written portion of the examinations.

~~(L) All applicants for civilian clerk (typist stenographer) shall comply with paragraphs (A), (B) and (G).~~

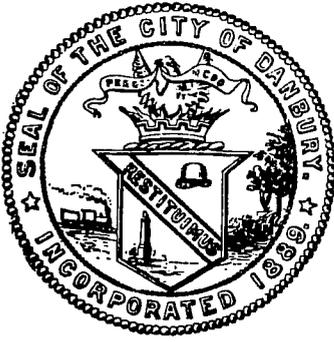
#### Sec. 15-18. Promotions.

(1) All applicants must have a certificate to show that they have successfully passed a course of training as ~~required by Public Act 575 of the February 1965 Special Session of the State of Connecticut Legislature (now sections 7-294a et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes (1958 Revision))~~ **prescribed by the State of Connecticut, Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POST)**.

(2) All promotions with the exception of chief, shall be based on merit as the result of competitive written and oral examinations conducted under the auspices of the civil service commission of the City of Danbury. The civil service commission shall avail itself of professional testing services for the written portion of the examinations.

(3) All applicants for promotion to sergeant or detective sergeant shall have either a minimum of four (4) years as a regular Danbury police officer or three (3) years as a regular Danbury police officer, but have at least an associate degree in police science and administration or the equivalent thereof from an institution accredited by the State Department of Education.

(4) All applicants for promotion to lieutenant or detective lieutenant shall have served a minimum of one (1) year as sergeant or detective sergeant and also have completed at least six (6) years of service in the regular police department.



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(5) All applicants for promotion to captain or detective captain shall have served a minimum of one (1) year as a lieutenant or detective lieutenant and also have completed at least eight (8) years of service in the regular police department.

(6) All applicants for promotion to deputy chief shall have completed a minimum of one (1) year of service as a captain or detective captain or three (3) years as a lieutenant or detective lieutenant and have completed at least ten (10) years of service in the regular police department.

#### **Sec. 15-19. Preferment of charges against police officers.**

The willful breach of any law of this state or ordinance of the city, neglect of duty, inefficiency, intoxication, insubordination, frequenting saloons or other places where liquors are exposed for sale, or drinking spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or playing at games therein, or any other disgraceful or improper conduct which will bring discredit on the police force or impair its usefulness, shall be considered sufficient cause for the preferment of charges against the officer so offending under the provisions of the charter of the city and the departmental regulations.

#### **~~Sec. 15-20. Weather records.~~**

~~A record shall be kept by the police department of the weather conditions from day to day. The degree of temperature shall be recorded therein three (3) times each day, at morning, noon and night. The average amount of snowfall, if any, shall be given, as well as the length of time of any snow or rainfall, the general conditions of the sidewalks after each snow or rainfall, and all other particulars regarding the weather which would tend to show the condition of the city's streets and sidewalks during and following a snow or rainfall.~~

#### **Sec. 15-21. Reserved.**

#### **~~Sec. 15-22. Traffic and accident division.~~**

~~The traffic and accident division shall be directly responsible for traffic control and direction throughout the City of Danbury, and for investigating and recording all traffic accidents reported to the police department.~~

#### **Sec. 15-23. Private duty assignments, authorized; salary rates.**

(a) *Policy and purpose.* On many occasions members of the Danbury Police Department are called upon to perform work under special assignments where requests are made for private police duty. To ensure the health, morals, safety and welfare of the community, such assignments are hereby authorized upon proper requests of the police department.

(b) *Authorization.* The chief of police of the police department of the City of Danbury or his duly designated representative be and he is hereby empowered and authorized to make such assignments for private duty under such rules, regulations and conditions as he may deem just and proper.