

## **Chapter 3.03**

### **Police Department**

**Section 1. Police Department.** A police department is hereby continued. The head of the department shall be known as the Chief of Police and the number of additional members of the department, together with their ranks and titles, shall be determined by the council by resolution. The compensation to be paid members of the police department shall be fixed by the council. Members of the department shall be appointed by the council.

**Section 2. Chief of Police.** The Chief of Police shall have supervision and control of the police department and its members. He shall be responsible to the council for law enforcement and for property of the city used by the department. He shall be responsible for the proper training and discipline of the members of the department. He shall be responsible for the keeping of adequate records and he shall report to the council on the needs of the department and its work. Every member of the department subordinate to the chief shall obey the instructions of the chief and any superior officer. The council shall designate one of the police officers as acting chief, who shall have all the powers and duties of the chief during his absence or disability.

**Section 3. Duties of Police.** Members of the police department shall enforce the ordinances and laws applicable to the city, bring violators before the district court, and make complaints for offenses coming to their knowledge. Members of the police department shall serve processes on behalf of the city and shall serve such notices as may be required by the council or other authority. In case of any unlawful disturbance of any person or persons, or any disorderly assemblage in or about any house or place in the City of Howard Lake which may disturb or annoy the inhabitants of the house or neighborhood, it shall be the duty of the police to report to the scene of such unlawful disturbance or disorderly assemblage and thereto command the peace in the name and by the virtue of his office. If thereupon the peace and order is not restored and preserved he shall arrest all persons participating in such unlawful proceedings. For the purpose of making any arrest by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota or ordinances of the City he may summon to his aid any person present and over the age of eighteen years and it shall be the duty of such person summoned to the assistance of the police to promptly respond and render all the necessary assistance within his power to the police department.

**Section 4. Uniform and Badge.** Each member of the department shall, while on duty, wear a suitable badge and uniform furnished by the city, except that the chief may authorize the performance of specific duties while not in uniform. When a member terminates his membership in the department, he shall immediately deliver to the city his badge, uniform, and all other property of the city in his possession.

**Section 5. Extra Police.** In case of riot or other law enforcement emergency, the mayor may appoint for a specified time as many special police officers as may be necessary for the maintenance of law and order. During such term of appointment, the special police

officers shall have only those powers and perform only those duties as shall be specifically assigned by the Chief of Police.

**Section 6. Interference with Arrest.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the City of Howard Lake by threats, force or fraud to rescue or attempt to rescue any person from lawful custody or from an officer or other person having such person under lawful arrest.

**Section 7. Penalties.** Any person who shall fail to promptly respond and render assistance to the police when called upon as provided by Section 3 of this Chapter, and any person who shall be found guilty by violating Section 6 of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.