

## CHAPTER 5

### RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

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**3-5-1: RESERVE POLICE OFFICER SYSTEM ESTABLISHED:**  
There is hereby established in and for the City a Police Reserve System.

**3-5-2: PURPOSE OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS:**  
The purpose of the appointment of reserve police officers is to preserve the public peace and to promote general welfare of the City by giving authority to certain persons to assist regular police officers of the City in enforcing City ordinances and State Statutes.

**3-5-3: APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS BY CHIEF OF POLICE:**  
The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to appoint adult persons to be reserve police officers. Such officers shall serve under rules and regulations herein contained and hereafter promulgated by the Chief of Police and approved by the City Council of the City of Mesa, but in no event shall such officers have powers superior to those of private citizens unless such officers be acting as reserve police officers under the general supervision of regular police officers of the City who are themselves on duty.

**3-5-4: QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT; APPLICATIONS:**  
The Chief of Police shall determine additional qualifications for appointment and duty as a reserve police officer, and shall pass on all applications for appointment as a reserve police officer.

**3-5-5: OATH OF OFFICE:**  
Every person appointed by the Chief of Police as a reserve police officer shall be sworn to faithful performance of his required duties as outlined by the Chief of Police.

**3-5-6: PRE-ASSIGNMENT TRAINING:**  
The Chief of Police shall conduct a period of pre-assignment training for reserve officers sufficient to enable said officers to properly and adequately perform their required duties, and the Chief of Police may require such additional continuing training as he may find necessary.

**3-5-7: ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIFIED DUTIES:**

The Chief of Police shall have full discretionary authority to assign reserve police officers to such duties as shall be best suited to preserve the public peace and to promote the general welfare of the City.

**3-5-8: SUPERVISION BY CHIEF OF POLICE:**

The Chief of Police shall be the sole supervisor of the duties of reserve police officers, but may delegate such authority to regular police officers as is necessary for the proper functioning of the police reserve system.

**3-5-9: COMPLIANCE WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND ACTS OF THE COUNCIL:**

Reserve police officers shall adhere to and be governed by the rules and regulations laid down for the guidance of regular police officers insofar as such rules and regulations are applicable to and consistent with the special class of duty prescribed for reserve police officers by the Chief of Police. Reserve police officers shall also comply with all other applicable ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the City Council and as instructed by the Chief of Police.

**3-5-10: OFFICIAL STATUS OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS; COMPENSATION:**

(A) Reserve police officers, while on duty in such capacity, shall have police powers equivalent to those of regular police officers, subject to such limitations as the Chief of Police may direct. Reserve police officers shall not be subject to or acquire any rights under the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City or the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System of the State of Arizona.

(B) Reserve police officers shall receive no salary from the City or the Police Department.

**3-5-11: BADGE AND UNIFORM:**

The Chief of Police shall specify the type of badge and the type and color of uniform to be worn by reserve police officers. Such officers shall conform to the specifications as made by the Chief.

**3-5-12: DISMISSAL:**

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to dismiss reserve police officers when he finds such dismissal to be in the best interest of the City, or when such officers fail to maintain active reserve police officer status.

**3-5-13: HONORARY APPOINTMENTS PROHIBITED:**

The Chief of Police shall not appoint any person as a reserve police officer who does not or will not serve as an active reserve police officer as specified herein.

**3-5-14: RELATION TO OTHER POLICE OFFICERS:**

The provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed as altering, limiting or expanding the powers, duties and authority of regular police officers of the City. (1020)