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ARTICLE 1 – Organization and Regulations

18.101            Establishment

The police department heretofore created for the City and by this chapter shall consist of the chief of police and as many police officers as may be authorized by the governing body.

18.102            Additional Officers – Emergency

In case of riot or unusual or general disturbances of the peace, the chief of police shall have the power to appoint such other and additional police officers as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public peace.

18.103            Duties of Chief

The chief of police shall be the keeper of any city jail and shall have custody of all persons incarcerated therein, providing a jailer at all times when there is somebody incarcerated therein. The chief of police shall keep such records and make such reports concerning the activities of the department as may be required by statute or by the governing body. The chief shall be responsible for the performance by the police department of its functions and all persons who are members of the police department shall serve subject to the orders of the chief of police. The chief of police shall have the authority to administer oaths to police officers under the chief's supervision.

18.104            Rules and Regulations

The chief of the police department may make or prescribe rules and regulations for the department. Such rules, when approved by the governing body, shall be binding on members of the department. Such rules and regulations may cover, besides the conduct of the members, uniforms and equipment to be worn or carried, hours of service and all other similar matters necessary or desirable for the better efficiency of the department.

18.105            Duties of Police – General

It shall be the duty of the police department, and each and every member of the police force, to notice and diligently inquire into and report to the chief of police all violations of the city ordinances or the criminal laws of the state, to make complaints against the person or persons guilty thereof and to attend punctually all trials of offenses in regard to those complaints.

Within the City limits and for a distance of one and one-half (1 ½) miles in all directions outside the City limits, police officers shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of peace officers as defined and prescribed by the laws of the State of North Dakota.  
(Source: North Dakota Century Code Section 40-20-05)

18.106            Duties of Police – Hot Pursuit – Defined

A police officer in “hot pursuit” may continue beyond the one and one-half (1 ½) mile limit to make an arrest in obedience to a warrant or without a warrant under the conditions of Section 29-06-15 of the North Dakota Century code, whenever obtaining the aid of peace officers having jurisdiction beyond that limit would cause a delay permitting escape. As used in this subsection, “hot pursuit” means the immediate pursuit of a person who is endeavoring to avoid arrest. (Source: North Dakota Century Code Section 40-20-05)

18.107            Duties of Police – Service of Process, Etc.

Police officers shall serve and execute any warrant, writ, process, order or notice issued to them by a municipal judge within the City or district court judge within the District of which the City is a part thereof in any civil or criminal action or proceeding in which the City is a party or is interested beneficially. The police, within the limits prescribed in this section, may serve and execute all writs and process issued by justices in civil actions. In addition to the duties set out in this section, the police shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the chief of police and governing body. (Source: North Dakota Century Code Section 40-20-05)

ARTICLE 2 – Powers and Duties

18.201            Money or Property of Arrested Persons

It shall be the duty of the police department, and of each and every member of the police force, to safely keep all moneys or property which may be found on the person, in possession of or claimed by any person arrested for crime and pay or deliver over the same by the order of the municipal or district judge, as the case may be, and forthwith after taking the same, to report in writing the kind and amount thereof to the municipal or district court judge.

18.202            Arrested Persons

Any police officer after making any arrest, with or without a warrant, for any violation of City ordinances shall take the person or persons so arrested, without any unreasonable delay, before the municipal or district court judge, as the case may be, to be dealt with according to law and the ordinances of the City.

18.203            Stolen, Abandoned, Lost Property

The chief or police shall have the custody of all lost, stolen or abandoned property recovered in the City and shall make a report concerning such property as provided by the ordinances of the City.

18.204            Traffic Administration

The police department shall have such duties concerning enforcement, investigation, record keeping and other matters concerning traffic administration as are more fully set forth in Chapter Eight of these ordinances.

18.205            Witness Fees and Mileage of Municipal Police Officers

Police officers of the City shall be entitled to be paid the witness fees and mileage expenses allowed by law for other witnesses while off duty when such officers are subpoenaed to

testify in actions involving the City. Said police officers shall submit vouchers for the above payment in accordance with the ordinances of the City.

ARTICLE 3 – Miscellaneous

18.301            False Alarms – Interference

No person shall give or cause to be given, or make or place or cause to be given, any false report, call or communication of any kind to the police or any false police alarm with intent to deceive; or tamper with or set off any police alarm or signal box with like intent; or tamper, meddle or interfere with any such police alarm box or intentionally cut, break, deface or remove any such box, or any of the wires or supports thereof, connected with the police alarm system; or intentionally interfere with or injure any property of any kind belonging to or used by the police department; or hinder or delay any apparatus or equipment or vehicle belonging to the police department.

18.302            Right of Way

Any motor vehicle or motorcycle of the police department shall, when going to or returning on business of the department, have the right-of-way upon giving an audible signal by bell, siren, exhaust whistle or flashing light. The driver of any other vehicle shall drive to the nearest right-hand curb or edge of the road, stop and remain until police vehicle shall have passed.