

**ORDINANCE NO. 01122023B**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLE RIVER-ACADEMY PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE RESERVE FORCE; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUPERVISION AND NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED RESERVE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR SERVICE BY OFFICERS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

**Whereas**, pursuant to § 341.012, *Tex. Loc. Gov't. Code*, the governing body of a municipality is authorized to provide for the establishment of a police reserve force;

**Whereas**, the City Council is authorized to appoint and establish the duties of city officers and employees, provide for the public peace, and appoint police officers; and,

**Whereas**, the city being in a budget shortfall, the need for a non-paid professional police force to augment the active force in times of active law enforcement, in case of emergencies or on special occasion is a necessity;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE RIVER-ACADEMY, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section I.**

A police reserve force is hereby established in the City of Little River-Academy, Texas (herein the “Non-Paid police force”).

**Section II.**

The Non-Paid police force, an auxiliary police force, shall be composed of Licensed Peace Officers from the State of Texas who hold at least a basic peace officers license. Application for the force shall be processed in duplicate manner as that of the regular police force. It shall be composed of not more than (ten) 10 members. The Non-Paid Police Force shall be an entity of the City Police Department. The non-paid force shall be headed by the Chief of Police. Members of the Non-Paid Police Force must adhere to the principles, policies, and beliefs of the paid force with no compensation for their duties.

The members of the non-paid police force shall be under the authority, control, and command of the Chief of Police of the City of Little River-Academy, subject to all the provisions of ordinances of the City. Members of the non-paid police force shall be appointed by application process and are considered on probation for a period of one (1) year from commission date.

**Section III.**

Each Non-Paid Officer is to be issued a Department Identification Card which shows he or she as a member of the Police Force. The card is to be signed by the Chief of Police and must be carried by each member of the non-paid force at all times. Pursuant to *Tex. Loc. Gov't Code*, the non-paid officer, commissioned as a full peace officer, is vested with all the rights and privileges that accompany “Peace Officer” status in the State of Texas.

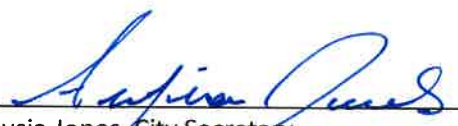
Upon termination or separation from the Department, the non-paid officer is to surrender his or her identification card and badge of office. There is no expectation of tenure. A non-paid police officer may be terminated from duty for violation of any of the policies and procedures of the Little River Academy Police Department or City, and/or failure to log the minimum hours of time required of a non-paid police officer. A member of the non-paid police force may resign at any time he or she wishes, however, it shall be his or her duty to notify the Chief of Police in writing as stated by policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

CITY OF LITTLE RIVER-ACADEMY, TEXAS

  
Drew Lanham, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Anysia Jones, City Secretary