

CHAPTER 12.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

For charter provisions as to extraterritorial jurisdiction of the town police force, see Char., § 8.1.

For state law as to law enforcement within municipalities and municipal police departments and officers, see G.S., § 160A-281 et seq. As to arrests, see G.S., § 15-39 et seq.

As to authority of the police to impound dogs, see § 3-12 of this Code.

- § 12-1. Composition and organization of department; chief of police; chain of command.
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- § 12-3. Rules and regulations.

Sec. 12-1. Composition and organization of department; chief of police; chain of command.

(a) The police department shall consist of such regular, auxiliary and special members and such quarters, vehicles, equipment and other property as may from time to time be authorized by the board of aldermen.

(b) The organization of the police department shall be as provided by regulations adopted pursuant to section 12-3.

(c) The chief of police, under the general supervision of the board of aldermen, shall have direct control of the members and property of the police department and shall be in command of the members. Members of the police department shall assume command in order of rank, as prescribed in departmental rules and regulations.

Sec. 12-2. Additional duties of chief of police:

In addition to his duties as commanding officer of the police department, the chief of police shall perform all duties prescribed for him by this Code and other ordinances and by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

As to duty of bystanders at scene of fire to be obedient to orders of police officers and firemen, see § 6-1 of this Code.

Sec. 12-3. Rules and regulations.

The chief of police, subject to approval of the board of aldermen, shall prepare rules and regulations for the government of the police department and the personnel thereof. Such rules and regulations, which may be amended from time to time, shall be submitted to the board of aldermen for approval. It shall be unlawful for any member of the police department to violate any such rule or regulation which has been approved by resolution of the board of aldermen and placed on file in the office of the town clerk; and a copy of all such approved rules and regulations shall also be placed on file at police department headquarters.