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3.01 PERSONNEL

The police force of the Village of Highland shall consist of the (Village Constable,) the Chief of Police, and such other police officers as the Village Board may from time to time appoint.

3.02 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

The Village Constable shall be elected as provided in Section 2.01 (2) of this code. The Chief of Police shall be appointed as provided in Section 2.03 of this code. Other police officers shall be appointed from time to time and for such terms as the Village Board shall determine.

3.03 GENERAL POWERS OF POLICE OFFICERS

The Village Constable shall have all of the powers and all of the responsibilities set forth in Section 61.29 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Chief of Police shall have all of the powers and all of the duties set forth for the office of Village Marshal under Section 61.28 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Chief of Police and all other police officers which may be appointed from time to time shall have full power and authority and it shall be their duty to:

(1) Arrest with or without process all persons in the Village engaged in any disturbance of the peace or violating any law or ordinance of the State or Village or aiding or abetting in such violation and take all such persons in charge and confine them and within a reasonable time bring them before the Municipal Court in the Village of Highland to be dealt with according to law.

(2) Familiarize himself with the ordinances of the Village and attend to the enforcement of such ordinances by all lawful means.

(3) Help prevent crimes, misdemeanors and violations of Village ordinances and protect the health, safety, public peace and order of the Village and its inhabitants.

(4) Report all street and sidewalk obstructions, unlighted street lamps, unlawful street signs or signals and defective or dangerous streets and sidewalks to the Village President.

(5) Assist the Fire Department in maintaining order at the scene of a fire.

(6) See that the necessary permits and licenses issued by the proper authority of the State or Village are in the possession of or properly displayed by any person engaged in an activity or business within the Village for which such permit or license is required and that the terms of such permits or licenses are complied with.

3.04 CHIEF OF POLICE

(1) Duties. In addition to the duties imposed upon him by Section 3.03, the Chief of Police shall have the following duties:

(a) He shall keep in his office a record of all arrests made by members of the police force, traffic tickets issued, the dates, hours, and places thereof, names of persons arrested, arresting officers, offenses charged, actions taken and results.

(b) He shall submit a written monthly report to the Village Board of all activities and transactions conducted by him in his capacity of Chief of Police.

(2) Powers. The Chief of Police shall have command of all other police officers which may be appointed from time to time by the Village Board and he shall have custody, care and control of the police equipment of the Village.

3.05 CIVILIANS TO ASSIST

It shall be the duty of all persons in the Village, when called upon by any peace officer of the Village, to promptly aid and assist him in the execution of his duties and whoever shall neglect or refuse to give such aid or assistance shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 15.04 of this code.

3.06 OBEDIENCE TO OFFICERS

See Section 11.02 (5) of this code.

3.07 ASSISTING ESCAPE OF PRISONER

See Section 11.02 (6) of this code.

3.08 PERSONATING POLICE OFFICERS

See Section 11.02 (7) of this code.

3.09 SPECIAL PEACE OFFICERS

The Village President and each Trustee of the Village shall be an officer of the peace, and may suppress in a summary manner any riotous or disorderly conduct in the streets or public places of the Village, and may command assistance of all persons under the same penalty for disobedience as provided in Section 3.06 of this code.

3.10 CIVIL DEFENSE

(1) Definition. Civil defense shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action or by fire, flood or other natural causes.

(2) Civil Defense Director.

(a) Appointment. The Civil Defense Director shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Village Board. The Director of Civil Defense shall hold office until such time as he may be removed by a majority vote of the Village Board, unless his services be sooner terminated by death or resignation.

(b) Duties and Powers. The Director shall be the executive head of the Village civil defense organization and shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the organization, subject to the direction and control of the Village President and the Village Board. In addition to such powers and responsibilities as may be imposed on him from time to time by the Village Board, he shall have the authority and it shall be his duty to:

1. Coordinate all activities for civil defense within the Village.
2. Maintain liaison and cooperate with civil defense agencies and organizations of other political subdivisions and of the State and federal government.
3. Participate in county and State civil defense activities upon request.
4. Subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other

political subdivisions and file copies of any such agreements with the State Director of Civil Defense.

5. Upon the declaration of an emergency, issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and such disaster warnings or alerts.

(3) Declaration of Emergencies. The civil defense organization shall take action in accordance with the civil defense plan only after the declaration of an emergency and issuance of official disaster warnings. Declaration of emergency shall be made by the Governor, the Village Board, the Village President or, in his absence, by the Director. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, provided that any declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated by the Village Board.

(4) Emergency Regulations. Whenever necessary to meet a civil defense emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President and, in his absence, the Director of Civil Defense, may proclaim, promulgate and enforce orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property which are necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property, and to insure cooperation in civil defense activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three public places and may be rescinded by resolution of the Village Board.

(5) Obstruction of Defense Organization; Penalty. No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the civil defense organization in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this section or violate any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this section. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 15.04 of this code.