

**BE IT ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PERRYVILLE, COUNTY  
OF PERRY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN  
ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AFFIRMING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
AND SPECIFYING CERTAIN DETAILS AS TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES,  
ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION.**

**WHEREAS**, an ordinance (#1997-1) creating a city police department and prescribing duties for members of said department was enacted by the city council in 1997, and

**WHEREAS**, the council after due consideration finds sufficient cause to change certain provisions of the previously adopted ordinance,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PERRYVILLE CITY COUNCIL:**

- Section 1.** The creation and existence of the Perryville police department as established under auspices of the aforementioned ordinance is hereby affirmed and validated.
- Section 2.** The police department is designated as the city's law enforcement and protection agency for the purpose of preserving peace, maintaining order, and enforcing all applicable laws and the ordinances of the city of Perryville.
- Section 3.** The number of persons comprising the department's authorized force shall be determined by the city council and may be changed from time to time, increasing or decreasing in numerical strength, as circumstances warrant.
- Section 4.** Salaries, benefits and/or other compensation for employees of the department shall be determined by the city council acting in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Section 5.** An officer may be designated or employed as chief of police as authorized and allowed by the following provisions:
- A. The person designated/employed as chief of police will meet eligibility and certification standards established by Arkansas statutes along with other qualifications as may be required by the city council and shall be appointed by the mayor in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations.

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B. The chief of police shall be responsible to the Mayor for overall operations of the department. He/she will report to, be supervised by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

C. This ordinance, in and of itself, will not be reason for enlarging, or used to increase, the number of persons comprising the authorized force of the department.

D. This ordinance shall not be construed to require the designation or employment of a police chief unless and until such action is specifically directed by a two thirds majority vote of the city council.

**Section 6.** Ordinance number 1997-1 and all other ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE** - It is declared that this ordinance is necessary and is vital to the health, welfare and safety of the public, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

**IT IS SO PROCLAIMED,**

Approved and adopted this 2 day of March, 1999.

**APPROVED:**

Signature: Kenneth Brandon  
Kenneth Brandon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Signature: Joel D. Woolf  
Joel Woolf, Recorder/Treasurer