

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER HECK:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-012

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT TITLE 5 RELATIVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS the City of St. George desires to adopt an ordinance to provide for the Law Enforcement in the City of St. George.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, Title 5 is enacted as follows:

Section 1. Enactment

Title 5. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 5:1. Establishment and duties of Chief of Police

- (a) The Chief of Police shall be established as provided in La. R.S. 33:321 et seq., (the “Lawrason Act”).
- (b) The Chief of Police shall serve as the marshal and ex-officio constable of the City of St. George. The Chief of Police shall:
 - (1) Have the general responsibility for law enforcement in the City of St. George and shall be charged with the enforcement of all ordinances within the municipality and all applicable state laws.
 - (2) Perform all other duties required of him by ordinance.
 - (3) Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for appointment of police personnel, for the promotion of officers, to effect disciplinary action, and for dismissal of police personnel.

Sec. 5:2. Qualifications of Chief of Police

The Chief of Police shall be elected at-large, who shall be an elector of the municipality and at the time of qualification as a candidate for office and shall have been domiciled for at least the immediately preceding year in the City of St. George.

Sec. 5:3. Training

- (a) The Chief of Police shall successfully complete the New Chief Management Course, as provided for in La. R.S. 33:2345, not later than one year after election.
- (b) If not previously obtained prior to employment, the Chief of Police, and any other law

enforcement peace officer employed by the City of St. George whether full-time, part-time, or reserve, shall successfully complete a certified training program approved by the Louisiana Peace Officer Standards & Training (“Post”) Council and successfully pass a council-approved comprehensive examination prior to taking office or beginning employment with the City.

Sec. 5:4. Use of vehicles and municipal property

To ensure the Chief of Police’s ability to respond to emergencies and other critical situations promptly and effectively, the Chief of Police, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth below shall have control and supervision over all City of St. George vehicles, property and equipment, authorized by City Council for his use in the execution of the official duties.

- (1) All capital fixed assets funded exclusively by the City of St. George shall remain the property of the City of St. George.
- (2) The Chief of Police shall not dispose of or convert to private use any property or equipment of the City of St. George.
- (3) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for maintaining property and equipment of the City of St. George in a good state of repair.

Section 2. Effective Date

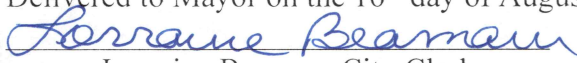
This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

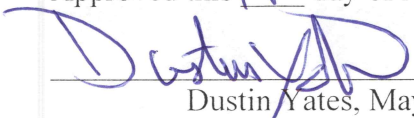
For: Cook, Edmonds, Heck, Himmel, and Monachello
Against: NONE

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2024.

Delivered to Mayor on the 16th day of August, 2024:


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved this 19th day of August, 2024:


Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 19th day of August, 2024:


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

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