

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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- 4.01 PERSONNEL. The Police Department of the Village shall consist of the Chief of Police and such other police officers as the Village Board may prescribe from time to time by ordinance or resolution.
- 4.02 GENERAL POWERS OF POLICE CHIEF. The Chief and all policemen of the Village shall possess the power, enjoy the privileges and be subject to the liabilities conferred and imposed by law on Village Marshals. Every member of the Police Department shall have full power and authority and it shall be his 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 a court of competent jurisdiction 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 Director of Public Works.
  - (5) 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.
- 4.03 CIVILIANS TO ASSIST. All persons in the Village, when called upon by any police officer or peace officer, shall 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 S 25.04 of this Code.

The Village Board of the Village of Rio does hereby ordain as follows:

4.04 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION SEARCH

- (1) State Requirements. The Village of Rio is a municipal corporation which provides government services to its citizens and the general public and, in order to efficiently provide services, it is necessary to conduct criminal history record searches concerning certain persons. The ordinance is enacted in order to comply with a State of Wisconsin requirement that provides that a municipality which requests that the State provide them with criminal history record information concerning an individual under certain circumstances shall have an ordinance enacted to authorize such requests.
- (2) Purpose. This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing the Village of Rio Police Department with the authority to request criminal history record information from the State of Wisconsin if requested by the Village Clerk.
- (3) Authority. If requested by the Village Clerk or required by the Police Department, the Department shall conduct a criminal history records information search concerning the following persons:
  - A. Alcohol license and permit applicants
  - B. Transient merchant license applicants
  - C. Applicants for Village employment
  - D. Applicants for all other licenses and permits which may be issued by the Village of Rio.
  - E. An officer or partner of any corporate partnership applicant for a license or permit.
  - F. Any other person for whom the Village clerk requests criminal history information. A request under this subsection must be based on a reasonable belief that the criminal history information is necessary to assist in the safe and efficient operation of Village government.
- (4) The cost of the search shall be allocated to the appropriate budget by the Clerk.