

## **Chapter 18    LAW ENFORCEMENT <sup>(1)</sup>**

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### **Sec. 18-1.    Composition of police department; enforcement.**

The police department of the city shall consist of such number of persons as may be appointed by the city council to act as regular police officers and of such persons as may be appointed by the city council to act as police officers of the city on special occasions or for any length of time other than regular officers. Any such officers are authorized to arrest and commit to the appropriate detention facility for trial before the municipal court any person who may violate any of the ordinances of the city.

(Code 1989, § 13.101; Code 2009, § 18-1)

### **Sec. 18-2.    Chief of police; authority to report misconduct or offensive actions.**

The chief of police shall be appointed by the city council, and, in his absence, the acting chief shall be recognized and respected by each member of the force as his superior officer. The chief of police is hereby directed to report to the city council any actions of immorality, misconduct or improper discipline on the part of any member.

(Code 1989, § 13.102; Code 2009, § 18-2)

### **Sec. 18-3.    Jurisdiction.**

Police officers are hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests of all offenders against the municipal ordinances and statutes of the state committed within the corporate limits.

(Code 1989, § 13.103; Code 2009, § 18-3)

### **Sec. 18-4.    Posse comitatus.**

Police officers shall, whenever necessary in the discharge of their duty, have the authority to call to their assistance the posse comitatus of the city. Any person who may be called to the assistance of any of the police officers, as aforesaid, shall respond to such call and render such lawful assistance as may be required.

(Code 1989, § 13.106; Code 2009, § 18-4)

**Sec. 18-5. Liability of police officer failing or neglecting to arrest or report violations.**

Should any police officer fail or neglect to arrest or report any person for violating ordinances of the city, he shall be liable to a fine, suspension or discharge.

(Code 1989, § 13.114; Code 2009, § 18-5)

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FOOTNOTE(S):

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**State Law reference**— Municipal police officers, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-7-110; reserve police officers, S.C. Code 1976, § 23-28-10 et seq.; powers and duties of police chief and officers relevant to municipal court, S.C. Code 1976, § 14-25-55.