

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND RE-NAMING
EXISTING ARTICLES 2, 3, 4 AND 5 AS SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE
CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs are charged with promoting and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property owners of the City of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that certain regulations and restrictions regarding law enforcement are necessary to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property owners of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, to accomplish the foregoing, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following amendment to the ordinances of the City:

1.

Article 1: Fire Prevention and Protection Code, of said ordinance, is hereby amended as follows:

The title of Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be amended such that they are Sections of Article 1 of Chapter 15.

2.

Article 2: Law Enforcement shall be included to read as follows:

Article 2: Law Enforcement

1.1 Composition of Police Department

The police force of the City shall consist of such officers and employees as shall be determined by the Mayor and Council.

1.2 Chief's Duties

The Chief of Police shall be the chief administrative officer of the police force and shall be responsible for the orderly and efficient operation of the police department. The Police Chief will be responsible for gaining and keeping the Department nationally accredited under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and certified by the Georgia Chiefs of Police. The Chief will also establish and maintain policies that meet CALEA standards or other model policies established by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Chief of Police, in general, and department personnel under his or her direction shall:

- 1.2.1 Attend any meetings of the Council at the request of the Council or the City Manager;
- 1.2.2 Execute all lawful orders and directions of the City Manager;
- 1.2.3 Abate or remove any nuisance when so directed by the City Manager;
- 1.2.4 Maintain the peace, good order and tranquility of the City through enforcement of all municipal ordinances and State or Federal Laws. The police officers shall have all patrol and arrest powers granted by State law;
- 1.2.5 Under the general direction of the City Manager, be in charge of the Police Department and have supervision over the personnel thereof in the exercise of their powers, duties and authority and in hiring, discharging or suspending any members within the parameters of City of Sandy Springs charter, ordinances, Departmental rules and regulations, civil service laws and any other appropriate statute;
- 1.2.6 Enter or cause to be entered on the City's uniform traffic citation, and into the official record, all available information pertaining to individuals charged or arrested for violation of ordinances and state law;
- 1.2.7 Serve all subpoenas and warrants of the Municipal Court and the City Council and as otherwise authorized by law;
- 1.2.8 Issue and serve summons for violations of law or ordinance and serve all processes, executions, attachments for the City Clerk, Municipal Court or the City Council;
- 1.2.9 Render such aid and assistance to the Fulton County Health Director as may be necessary to enforce in the City all health laws of this State and regulations pertaining to health of the City.

1.3 Public Safety Personnel; Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to insure the prompt response of police personnel as defined herein in times of emergencies.

1.4 Police Attendance

It shall be the duty of each police officer making an arrest or having knowledge of the case for or against the defendant to attend the trial of any person brought before the municipal court and other courts where a case may be heard.

1.5 Traffic Violations; Prosecution

- (a) A citation issued by the City of Sandy Springs Police Department can only be reduced by the City Solicitor. Any citation that is voided must be done in City Municipal Court.

1.6 Sale of Unclaimed Property

- (a) Bicycles and other unclaimed personal property, except firearms and weapons, not marked as evidence, in the possession of the Police Department for a period of ninety (90) days and after an effort has been made by the Police Department to ascertain the ownership of such property and to notify the owner, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, after publishing notice of such sale as required by O.C.G.A. 44-14-411. The proceeds of any sale made under this section shall be disbursed in accordance with O.C.G.A. 44-14-412.
- (b) Unclaimed firearms and weapons in the possession of the Police Department for a period of ninety (90) days, not marked as evidence and after an effort has been made to notify the owner, shall be disposed of as follows:
 1. Destroyed by the Property and Evidence Custodian.
 2. Received to the Police Department for their use in training or operations.

1.7 Hospitals and Doctors to Make Certain Reports to Police

All hospitals, doctors and pharmacists in the City shall immediately report to the Police Department, the name and nature of the case of any person brought under its or his care who is suffering from wounds of any description, inflicted by a firearm, knife or other weapon or instrument; any unidentified person; and any person who is the victim of an accident or who might come under its or his care and whose case is of a suspicious nature.

or unenforceable provisions had never been contained herein.

3.

Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council, and it is hereby ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a

part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

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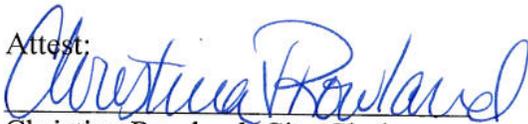
This Ordinance is effective July 10, 2007; and

ORDAINED this the 10th day of July, 2007.

Approved:


Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:


Christina Rowland, City Clerk

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