Chapter 120

POLICE DEPARTMENT

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Plover 6-4-1985 as Ch. 4 of the 1985 Code. Amendments where noted where applicable.]

§ 120-1. Personnel.

The Police Department shall consist of the Chief of Police and such police officers as the Village Board may prescribe by ordinance or resolution.

§ 120-2. Salaries.

The Chief and the police officers shall receive salaries as fixed by the Village Board and shall not be entitled to any other compensation.

§ 120-3. Disposition of fees and deposits.

All fees, bail deposits and other special remuneration or funds collected or received by the Department or any officers thereof shall be deposited with the Clerk of Courts or the Village Treasurer not less than weekly.

§ 120-4. Tenure of Chief of Police. [Amended by Ord. No. 24-95]

The Chief of Police shall hold office subject to suspension or removal for cause by the Police and Fire Commission.

§ 120-5. Powers and duties of Chief of Police. ¹

The Chief of Police shall:

A. Be responsible for the supervision of all police and law enforcement services and activities performed by the Police Department in accordance with state law and the ordinances established by the Village Board and rules and regulations established by the Police and Fire Commission. [Amended by Ord. No. 14-97]

B. Possess the powers, enjoy the privileges and be subject to the liabilities conferred and imposed by law upon marshals and constables.

C. Obey all lawful orders of the Village President and Village Board.

D. Cause the public peace to be preserved and see that all laws and ordinances of the Village and state are enforced and, whenever any violation thereof shall come to his knowledge, he shall cause the requisite complaint to be made and see that the evidence is procured for the

¹. Editor’s Note: See also Ch. 110, Officers and Employees, § 110-12.
successful prosecution of the offender.

E. Exercise supervisory control over all personnel of his Department.

F. Be solely responsible for the care and condition of the equipment used by his Department.

G. Keep an accurate and complete record of all complaints, arrests, traffic violations, convictions and dispositions of the Department.

H. Submit a monthly report to the Police and Fire Commission of activities and transactions of the Department during the preceding month. [Amended by Ord. No. 14-97]

§ 120-6. Budget. [Amended by Ord. No. 14-97]

As provided in § 56-3 of this Code, the Police and Fire Commission, together with the Police Chief, shall annually file the recommended Department budget with the Village Clerk.

§ 120-7. Police officers.

A. General powers and duties. Each officer of the Department shall possess the powers conferred on marshals and constables by law, shall preserve the public peace and shall enforce the laws and ordinances of the state and Village, subject to the orders, rules and regulations of the Chief and the Police and Fire Commission. [Amended by Ord. No. 14-97]

B. Power of arrest. The Chief of Police and any police officer shall arrest all persons in the Village found in the act of violating any law or ordinance of the Village and state or aiding or abetting in such violation, and they shall arrest without warrant all persons whom they have reasonable grounds to believe have violated any law or ordinance and who will not be apprehended unless immediately arrested, shall take all arrested persons in charge and confine them, and shall within a reasonable time bring such persons before the court having jurisdiction thereof to be dealt with according to law.

C. Reporting dangerous conditions. The Chief of Police and any police officer shall report all street and sidewalk obstructions, unlighted streetlamps, unlawful street signs or signals and defective or dangerous streets and sidewalks to the Public Works Manager.

D. Assisting Fire Department. Whenever necessary, any police officer shall assist the Fire Department in maintaining order at the scene of a fire.

E. Permits and licenses. The police officers shall ensure that the necessary permits and licenses issued by the state or the Village are in the possession of or are properly displayed by any person engaged in an activity or business within the Village for which a permit or license is required and that the terms of such license or permit are complied with.


The Police and Fire Commission, together with the Chief of Police, shall prepare rules and regulations for the administration of the Police Department, which rules shall be in full force and shall outline the conditions of employment in the Department.

In accordance with §§ 66.0313 and 66.0513, Wis. Stats., and policies established by the Police and Fire Commission, the Chief of Police may respond to requests for police personnel from Portage County or any municipality or town within said county and may request said jurisdiction to provide police personnel to the Village.

§ 120-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter or any rule, regulation or order made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in § 1-4 of this Code.