

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PETROLIA
ESTABLISHING A CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, increased police protection would greatly benefit of the public and promote the common good of the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETROLIA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

- A. The city hereby establishes a permanent police force consisting of peace officers within the meaning of Vernon's Ann. C.C.P. art. 2.12, as amended.
- B. Each city police officer shall meet all of the qualifications prescribed by law for a peace officer, including those provided by V.T.C.A., Government Code ch. 415 (Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education), with respect to any person who is employed, appointed or confirmed as a city police officer who does not at the time of such employment, appointment or confirmation have a license as provided in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 415.051. The employment, appointment or confirmation of such person shall be deemed, whether or not so expressly stated, as a temporary or probationary basis for one year.
- C. A police officer need not be a resident of the city at the time of his employment, appointment or confirmation; nor need he thereafter be a resident of the city.
- D. A police chief shall be appointed by the city council, and shall hold their office at the pleasure of the city council.
- E. Members of the police force, regular and reserve officers, shall be appointed at the discretion of the chief of police subject to confirmation by the city council. The city council shall limit the size of the police force by resolution.
- F. Police officers so appointed shall receive a salary or fees of office, or both, that shall be fixed by resolution of the city council.
- G. Police officers shall hold their office at the pleasure of the city council, and for such term as the council directs.
- H. Police officers shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, as the city council may require.
- I. Police officers shall have like powers, rights, authority and jurisdiction as are vested in city marshals by state law. Police officers may serve all process issuing out of the municipal court anywhere in the county.

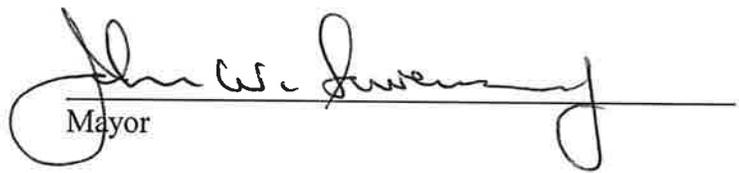
SECTION 2.

- A. A city marshal may be appointed by the city council, and shall hold that office at the pleasure of the city council.

SECTION 3.

- A. This ordinance supercedes any prior or conflicting provisions regarding law enforcement in any previously affirmed ordinances.
- B. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, void or unenforceable for any legal reason, the enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be affected and shall remain in effect and in force.

PASSED by an affirmative vote of the Petrolia City Council, Governing Body of the
City of Petrolia, Texas, this 15th day of September, 2003.


Mayor

Attest:


City Secretary