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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, 2020, BY AMENDING SECTION 43-13, RETIRED-COMMISSION CARD AND UNIFORM PRIVILEGE OF SWORN POLICE PERSONNEL WHO RETIRE FROM EMPLOY OF CITY; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 17, 2023.

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY:

SECTION 1. Section 43-13 of Division 1 of Article I of Chapter 43 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 43.  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL  
Division 1. General Provisions

§ 43-13. Retired ~~commission~~ officer identification card and uniform privilege of sworn police personnel who retire from employ of City.

- (a) *Generally.* At any time after leaving the employ of the City, sworn personnel of the Police Department or their heirs may be allowed to retain possession of the Department badge and uniform, subject to the restrictions below. ~~The carrying of firearms is restricted, pursuant to applicable Oklahoma law. Retired personnel may retain their status as a peace officer of the State of Oklahoma, retired, unless disqualified under the provisions of State law or provisions under this section or Police Department policies.~~
- (b) *Retired-commission officer identification cards.* Upon the written application of a former or present Oklahoma City Police Department officer for a retired-commission officer identification card, the Department's Office of Professional Standards ~~internal affairs division~~ shall cause a review of the applicant's personnel files, background check and criminal record to be made and compiled. This information shall be conveyed to the Deputy Chief in charge of the retiree's last bureau or its successor, who shall meet with the applicant to ensure the accuracy of the compiled information and shall either grant or deny the application. If denied, the Deputy Chief shall in writing state the reasons for denial.
- ~~(1) *Notice and initial hearing.* The decision of the Deputy Chief on the application shall be made in writing and a copy mailed to the applicant at his last known address. If the decision is to deny the application, the notice shall include the basis for the denial. Following said notice, the Assistant Chief of Police or the person performing the duties~~

~~of the Assistant Chief of Police shall provide a hearing to determine the propriety of denying a retired commission card. At this hearing, the appellant has the right to be represented by counsel, to confront and cross examine witnesses and to offer evidence. Within ten days of this hearing, the Assistant Chief of Police will issue a written decision with the basis therefor and shall mail a copy to the appellant. Under no circumstance shall this hearing confer any additional rights which are not granted by law.~~

- ~~(2) *Appeals.* Within ten days after notice of the denial of the application, the appellant may appeal the decision of the Assistant Chief of Police to the Chief of Police, whose decision shall be based only on the Assistant Chief's written decision, the application, and any documents submitted during the hearing in front of the Assistant Chief. Within ten days the Chief of Police shall issue a written opinion granting or denying the application and shall mail a copy to the applicant's last known address. If denied, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Chief of Police to the City Manager, whose decision is final and shall be based only on the Chief's written decision, the application and any documents submitted during the hearing before the Assistant Chief.~~
- ~~(3) *Standard.* No Oklahoma City Police Department police officer with a record of felony conviction and/or a record of conviction for larceny, theft, false pretense, fraud, embezzlement, any offense involving moral turpitude, any offense involving a minor as a victim, any nonconsensual sex offense, any offense involving the possession, use, distribution, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance, any offense involving a firearm, or any other offense or any Departmental violation which dictates that the denial of said commission be for the good of the service shall be allowed to retain their status as a peace officer after retirement.~~
- ~~(4) *Granting the application.* If at any stage of the proceedings contained herein the decision is made to grant the application, the authorized representative of the Police Department of the City shall issue the applicant a retired commission card.~~

(c) *Uniform privilege.*

(1) *Former Officers or Retirees after October 17, 2023.* A former or retired officer who has left the department on or after October 17, 2023 and has been granted the privilege and written permission to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform pursuant to the application process in subsection (i) below, shall: 1) affix a "rocker" patch identifying the former or retired officer as "retired", and 2) shall only be permitted to wear said uniform for ceremonial purposes (e.g., funerals, weddings, or other civic related events).

No former or retired officer who has left the department on or after October 17, 2023 who has been granted the privilege and written permission to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform with a "rocker" patch identifying the former or retired officer as retired shall be permitted to wear said uniform for employment purposes in any capacity.

(i) *Application.* Upon the written application of a former or present Oklahoma City Police Department officer for the privilege of wearing the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform, the Department's Internal Affairs Division Office of Professional Standards shall cause a review of the applicant's personnel files, background check and criminal record to be made and compiled. This information shall be conveyed to the Deputy Chief of Police, or designee, in charge of the retiree's last bureau or its

~~successor, who shall meet with the applicant to ensure the accuracy of the compiled information and shall either grant or deny the application. If denied, the Deputy Chief shall in writing state the reasons for denial.~~

(ii) Notice. The decision of the Chief of Police, or designee, on the application submitted pursuant to subsection (i) of this Section shall be made in writing and a copy mailed to the applicant's last known address.

(2) Former Officers or Retirees prior to October 17, 2023.

(i) Application. Former or retired officers who left the Department prior to October 17, 2023 and were previously granted the privilege to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform shall be required to file a renewal application no later than December 15, 2023, and annually thereafter.

Upon the written application of a former or ~~retired~~ present Oklahoma City Police Department officer for the privilege of wearing the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform, the Department's ~~Internal Affairs Division~~ Office of Professional Standards shall cause a review of the applicant's personnel files, background check and criminal record to be made and compiled. The length of time between full-time employment, full post-employment training record, and/or any other information deemed relevant to the Chief of Police, or designee, shall also be reviewed. This information shall be conveyed to the ~~Deputy Chief of Police, or designee, in charge of the retiree's last bureau or its successor,~~ who shall meet with the applicant to discuss the findings, provide the applicant an opportunity to respond, ensure the accuracy of the compiled information and shall either grant or deny the application. If denied, the ~~Deputy Chief of Police, or designee,~~ shall in writing state the reasons for denial. Approval will be based on the standard established herein and predicated on the same restrictions that apply to active, full-time Oklahoma City police officers working on an off-duty job. Said privilege shall also be subject to all policies, procedures and rules of the Oklahoma City Police Department Operations Manual and any amendments thereto.

(1) (ii) Notice and initial hearing. The decision of the ~~Deputy Chief of Police, or designee,~~ on the application submitted pursuant to subsection (c)(2)(i) shall be made in writing and a copy mailed to the applicant at ~~his~~ the applicant's last known address. ~~If the decision is to deny the application, the notice shall include the basis for the denial. Following said notice, the Assistant Chief of Police or the person performing the duties of the Assistant Chief of Police shall provide a hearing to determine the propriety of denying the privilege of wearing the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform. At this hearing, the appellant has the right to be represented by counsel, to confront and cross-examine witnesses and to offer evidence. Within ten days of this hearing, the Assistant Chief of Police will issue a written decision with the basis therefor and shall mail a copy to the appellant. Under no circumstance shall this hearing confer any additional rights which are not granted by law.~~

(3)(2) Reconsideration Appeals. Within ten calendar days after notice of the denial of the application, the applicant may submit a written request to the Chief of Police to reconsider the denial. ~~appellant may appeal the decision of the Assistant Chief of Police to the Chief of~~

~~Police, whose decision shall be based only on the Assistant Chief's written decision, the application, and any documents submitted during the hearing in front of the Assistant Chief. Within ten days the Chief of Police shall issue a written opinion granting or denying the application and shall mail a copy to the applicant's last known address. If denied, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Chief of Police to the City Manager, whose decision is final and shall be based only on the Chief's written decision, the application and any documents submitted during the hearing before the Assistant Chief.~~

- (d)(3) *Standard.* No Oklahoma City Police Department police officer with a record of felony conviction or a record of conviction for larceny, theft, false pretense, fraud, embezzlement, any offense involving moral turpitude, any offense involving a minor as a victim, any nonconsensual sex offense, any offense involving the possession, use, distribution, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance, any offense involving a firearm, or any other offense or any departmental violation which dictates that the denial of said commission be for the good of the service shall be allowed the privilege to continue to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform.
- (e)(4) *Granting the application.* If, upon initial application or upon reconsideration by the Chief of Police, or designee, at any stage of the proceedings contained herein, the decision is made to grant the application, the authorized representative of the Police Department of the City shall issue the applicant a retired officer identification card, written permission to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform, or both. Upon receiving written permission to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform, the officer will be issued a "rocker" patch which identifies the officer as retired. The "rocker" patch shall immediately be affixed to the uniform at the officer's expense. The "rocker" patch shall be affixed directly above the City of Oklahoma City Police Department patch on each arm of the uniform. The written permission to wear the Oklahoma City Police Department uniform with a "rocker" patch identifying the former officer as retired shall be subject to the restrictions contained in subsection (c)(1).
- (f) *Offense.* It shall be unlawful and constitute a Class "a" offense for any individual to wear a City of Oklahoma City Police Department badge or uniform without authorization to do so by the Chief of Police.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after 12:00 a.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**INTRODUCED AND CONSIDERED** in open meeting of the Council of the City of Oklahoma City the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**PASSED** by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of the City of Oklahoma City this \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST: (Seal)

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

  
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Assistant Municipal Counselor