

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY; TO REPEAL
EXISTING ORDINANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: #101

It is ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council for the City of Peachtree City
as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Police Department

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor and Council by Section 16
of the Charter of the City of Peachtree City (Ga. Laws 1959, p. 2409) there is
hereby created a police department for Peachtree City.

SECTION 2. Appointment of Chief and Personnel of the Police Department

The Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police who shall be
the director of the department, and such other personnel as may be authorized
by the City Council. The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the Mayor and
Council. All personnel employed as officers or patrolmen, or employees of
the Police Department shall be subject to approval by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 3. General Powers and Duties of the Chief of Police

The Chief of Police shall have jurisdiction over the entire operation of
the Police Department. He shall, in addition, be the keeper and custodian of
all persons incarcerated for the violation of the ordinances of the City of
Peachtree City, and all federal and state laws violated within the incorporated
limits of Peachtree City. He shall keep such records and make such reports
of the activities of the Police Department as may be required by the City
Manager or the City Council. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the
operation of the Police Department and all of its functions. All persons
employed by the Police Department shall serve subject to the orders and
direction of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 4. Custodian of Lost, Abandoned or Stolen Property

The Chief of Police shall be the custodian of all lost, abandoned, or
recovered stolen property in the City of Peachtree City, and shall dispose of
said property as provided by state law or city ordinance. The Chief of Police
shall have authority to serve all writs, warrants, summons and other processes
duly issued as provided by law or the ordinances of Peachtree City. The
officers and/or patrolmen employed by the Police Department shall likewise
have the authority to serve writs, warrants, summons and other processes by
direct order of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 5. Rules and Regulations of the Police Department

The Chief of Police may formulate and prescribe such rules and regulations
as he may deem necessary for the operation of the Police Department. Such

rules and regulations, when approved by the City Council, shall be binding on the members of the Police Department.

SECTION 6. Qualifications of Policeman

Each person employed as Police Officer shall possess the following qualifications:

- (a) He shall be a person of good moral character and at least twenty years of age on the date of his employment
- (b) A graduate of an accredited high school, or have obtained a GED
- (c) He shall be in excellent physical condition
- (d) Within Six (6) months after appointment he shall complete a course of study offered by the State Police Academy and be certified as a Police Officer.

SECTION 7. Employment and salaries

The City Council of Peachtree City shall approve the employment of all members of the Police Department and shall prescribe by resolution a salary schedule for the employees of said department, which salary schedule the City Council may adjust from time to time by resolution. A recommendation of a salary schedule and employment of personnel to the police department shall be made by the Chief of Police and the City Manager to the City Council.

SECTION 8. Oath

All Police Officers shall, before entering upon the performance of their duties, subscribe to an oath to be administered by the Mayor of Peachtree City, or by the Mayor Protem; a copy of said oath shall be entered upon the permanent records of said city.

SECTION 9. Bond

All members of the Police Department shall be bonded in amount as prescribed by City Council for the faithful performance of their duties as policeman. The bonding fee shall be paid from the general funds of the City of Peachtree City.

SECTION 10. Conduct of Members

It shall be the duty and responsibility of every member of the Police Department to conduct himself in a proper and law-abiding manner. All policeman in the performance of their duties shall avoid the use of unnecessary force.

SECTION 11. Police as Witness

Every member of the Police Department shall appear as a witness in the courts of the City of Peachtree City, the State of Georgia and the Federal Courts when the appearance of said policeman is necessary in the administration of justice.

SECTION 12. Uniforms and Weapons

All members of the Police Department shall be attired in a uniform approved by the Chief of Police and armed so as to be readily recognized as a Police Officer by the public. The arms and uniforms for the members shall be furnished by the City of Peachtree City and shall remain the property of said city.

SECTION 13. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

All members of the Police Department shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Chief of Police for violation of the rules of the Police Department. A member of the Police Department shall have the right of appeal to the mayor and council for disciplinary action enforced against him by the Chief of Police.

SECTION 14. Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

The within Ordinance adopted, this the 17th day of February,
1975.

Attest:

Francis J. Meade
City Clerk

Howard A. Morgan
Mayor

Town Seal: