

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 – LAW ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE II – POLICE, DIVISION 3. – POLICE AUXILIARY, SECTIONS 22-73 AND 22-75, AND ADD A NEW DIVISION 4, JUNIOR POLICE AUXILIARY, SECTIONS 22-76 THROUGH 22-80; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Ordinances for the City of Waycross, Georgia, currently provides for service by citizens as auxiliary police members but one must be at least 21 years of age to participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police desires to create a Junior Police Auxiliary for those interested teenagers and young citizens at least 14 years of age but not more than 20 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the City of Waycross desires to amend the Code of Ordinances to accomplish this and provide an opportunity for our young people to serve their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue has been duly considered by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Waycross Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 – LAW ENFORCEMENT, Article II. - POLICE, DIVISION 3. – POLICE AUXILIARY, Sections 22-73 and 22-75 are hereby amended, and is further amended by adding a new Division 4. – JUNIOR POLICE AUXILIARY, Sections 22-76 through 22-80, inclusive, and to read as follows:

**Chapter 22 - LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**ARTICLE II. - POLICE**

**DIVISION 3. - POLICE AUXILIARY**

**Sec. 22-73. - Qualifications; application.**

**Members of the active police auxiliary must be at least 21 years of age, submit an application for membership to the police department on such form as may be prescribed by the chief of police and pass a background investigation.**

**Sec. 22-75. – Uniforms and activities.**

**The city shall furnish uniforms which must be worn by active police auxiliary members at all times when on duty. Active police auxiliary members shall not be permitted to carry or use a firearm while on duty. Active police auxiliary members are not allowed to enforce the law or engage in dangerous tasks or activities while on duty.**

**DIVISION 4. – JUNIOR POLICE AUXILIARY**

**Sec. 22-76. - Established.**

There is hereby established, as a part of the city police department, a unit known as the junior police auxiliary.

**Sec. 22-77. - General control.**

The junior police auxiliary shall be under the direction of the chief of police and subject to his or her general control.

**Sec. 22-78. - Qualifications; application.**

Members of the junior police auxiliary must be at least 14 years of age and not more than 21 years of age, submit an application for membership to the police department on such form as may be prescribed by the chief of police and pass a background investigation.

**Sec. 22-79. - Compensation.**

Members of the junior police auxiliary shall serve without pay from the city.

**Sec. 22-80. – Uniforms and activities.**

The city shall furnish uniforms which must be worn by junior police auxiliary members at all times when on duty. Junior auxiliary members shall not be permitted to carry or use a firearm

while on duty. Junior police auxiliary members are not allowed to enforce the law or engage in dangerous tasks or activities while on duty.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after the date of its final approval after second reading by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

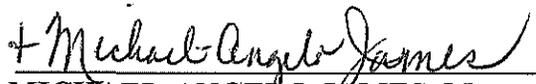
**SECTION 3.** If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

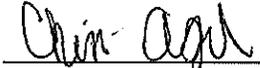
**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the City Commission and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become part of the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

**SO ORDAINED**, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY:**   
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Acting City Clerk**

**Read First Time: 8/3/2021**

**Read Second Time and approved: 8/17/2021**