

## Chapter 54

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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#### **§ 54-1. Police Commission established.**

There is hereby established a board of police commissioners for the Town of Brookfield. Said board shall be known as the "Brookfield Police Commission," and the members of said board shall be known as "Commissioners."

#### **§ 54-2. Membership in Commission.**

Said Brookfield Police Commission shall consist of five resident electors of said Town, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Two of said Commissioners shall be appointed to serve until the first Monday in January 1978, and the remaining three Commissioners shall be appointed to serve until the first Monday in January 1980. Successor Commissioners shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of four years commencing on the first Monday of January in even-numbered years. At no time shall more than three Commissioners be members of the same political party. Each such Commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties and shall serve until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified. Said Police Commissioners shall annually, in the month of January, elect a Chairman and Secretary from their number. The Police Commission shall hold regular meetings at least once a month and shall keep records thereof. Special meetings of said Police Commission shall be held upon the call of the Chairman or a majority of the members thereof. A majority of the members of said Police Commission shall constitute a quorum. Said Police Commission shall make a report annually to the Selectmen, which shall be included in the annual report of the Town.

#### **§ 54-3. Filling of vacancies in Commission.**

All vacancies occurring in the membership of said Police Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Selectmen may remove any Commissioner for cause.

**§ 54-4. Compensation of Commission members.**

Said Commissioners shall serve without compensation, but their actual expenses and disbursements incurred in the performance of their duties shall be paid from the Town treasury.

**§ 54-5. Commission to manage and control Police Department.**

Said Brookfield Police Commission shall organize, maintain and have the general management and control of a Police Department in the Town of Brookfield and shall have all of the powers given by the Connecticut General Statutes to Boards of Police Commissioners, except as limited by the provisions of this chapter.

**§ 54-6. Powers and duties of Commission.**

Said Brookfield Police Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To organize, maintain and have the general management and supervision of the Police Department of the Town of Brookfield and of the property and equipment used in connection therewith.
- B. To make all rules and regulations necessary for the government of said Police Department not contrary to law and to prescribe suitable penalties for the violation of any such rule or regulation, including suspension or removal from office of any officer, supervisor or civilian employee of said Police Department.
- C. To appoint, promote and remove the officers, supervisors and civilian employees of said Police Department, under said regulations as it adopts for the purpose. Such appointees shall hold office during good behavior and until removal by said Police Commission for cause upon written notice and after hearing. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to the Chief of Police, who shall be appointed and hold office in accordance with the provisions of § 54-7 of this chapter and the Charter of the Town of Brookfield.
- D. To determine the number of officers and civilian employees of said Police Department and to determine the number and rank of the supervisory personnel of said Department, within the budgetary limits prescribed by the annual Town budget and any special appropriations increasing said budget.

**§ 54-7. Chief of Police.**

There shall be a Chief of Police who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Brookfield Police Department and shall be responsible to the Brookfield Police Commission for the efficiency of said Department and for the execution of all rules and regulations promulgated by said Police Commission. Said Chief of Police shall be responsible for the enforcement and execution of all laws, rules and regulations of the United States of America, State of Connecticut and Town of Brookfield. Said Chief of Police shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the provisions of §§ C6-5 and C6-9 of the Town Charter. Suspension or removal of such Chief of Police shall be in accordance with the provisions of § C4-11 of the Town Charter and Section 7-278 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**§ 54-8. Authority of members of the Police Department.**

The members of said Police Department shall have all such authority with respect to service of criminal process and the enforcement of criminal laws as is vested by the Connecticut General Statutes in police officers and constables. The members of said Police Department shall each receive a salary, and no member shall receive any fee for service in any criminal matter except his salary. Any and all fees received by any member of said Police Department for services rendered in any criminal matter shall be paid immediately

to the Town Treasurer and deposited in the general fund.

**§ 54-9. Status of appointed Constables.**

All persons holding appointments as full-time regular appointed Constables of the Town of Brookfield at the time this chapter shall take effect shall be entitled to become members of the Police Department without loss of or prejudice to rank, seniority, pay, pension or any other existing rights or benefits held by reason of service as said Constable. Upon acceptance of membership in the Police Department, the appointments of such persons as Constables shall expire and terminate.

**§ 54-10. Cessation of Constables' authority.**

The Constables in the Town of Brookfield shall have no authority in any criminal matter after September 1, 1977.

**§ 54-11. Appointment of special members of the Police Department.**

The Brookfield Police Commission shall have the power to appoint such special members of the Police Department as it shall deem necessary. Such special members shall have the same powers as regular members of said Police Department but shall be subject to such restrictions, if any, as are imposed by the rules and regulations of said Police Commission.