

ORDINANCE NO. 1999-3

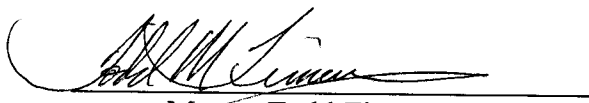
**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OZARK POLICE RESERVE PROGRAM;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OZARK, ARKANSAS THAT:**

SECTION 1: The Ozark Police Reserve Program shall be and hereby is adopted by the City Council of the City of Ozark. The policies and procedures set forth in the Police Reserve Manual attached hereto as Exhibit "A" shall be and hereby are adopted by reference. The provisions contained in said manual are incorporated herein.


SECTION 2: It being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 8th day of March, 1999.



Mayor, Todd Zimmerman

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Carol Sneath

OZARK POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVE UNIT

PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE UNIT WHICH WILL SERVE AS BOTH A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE OZARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AS A COMMUNITY RELATED SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

1. The Reserve Unit is formed to provide active membership for those people within the community who wish to become better acquainted with police work in general, who wish to serve the community, and for those who may be considering a career in law enforcement. As such the Unit will be formulated along the same or similar guidelines upon which the Police Department is organized. The members of this Unit will be required to meet some of the basic criteria which certified police officers are required to meet. Only those individuals who are willing to adhere to the rules of conduct which govern police officers in general will be accepted to the reserve program.
2. Potential members must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for acceptance:
 - A) Each member must be at least twenty-one years old.
 - B) Potential members must not have been convicted of any felony offenses, must not have a history of convictions or traffic related offenses and/or misdemeanors and be in good standing within the community.
 - C) Members must be in good physical condition and the weight of each member should be in proportion to his or her height.
 - D) Each member must be willing to undergo a basic background investigation by the Police Department.

3. In order to be accepted as a member of the Reserve Unit, the individual must be willing to complete a certified reserve school and have a physical and psychological exam done at their expense. Acceptance to the reserve program will be determined by the Chief of Police.
4. All Reserve Unit individuals who are selected to be on the reserve program with the Ozark Police Department, during such time until they go to the schooling, will not be allowed to carry any manner of firearm, striking device, or any other weapon capable of causing physical injury to another while performing duty as a reserve member, nor will they have any authority, express or implied.

Each person must complete and pass the reserve schooling. If not, they will automatically be removed from the Reserve Unit. After completion of the Reserve Part-Time II class, they may be certified and authorized to carry a handgun.
5. Upon completing schooling and being certified as a reserve officer, they will be required to work on a shift as deemed by the Chief of Police and also help in special events going on within the City such as: football games, parades, extra patrol nights, and road blocks all as directed by the Chief of Police.
6. Each member will be required to sign a prepared waiver which will release the Police Department and the City from any liability for any injuries, harm or damages of whatsoever nature and arising out of any claim, complaint or cause of action of any type whatsoever. In the event of bodily harm, all responsibility for any legal, medical or hospital expenses will be the responsibility of the individual.

7. No reserve officer will equip his privately owned vehicle with police emergency equipment such as blue lights, siren, etc.
8. No member will perform any duties or have any authority in any police capacity when not working at the same time as and in conjunction with a full time certified officer. Outside of the conditions of working a schedule when he/she is to be working with another certified officer, the member must remember that he/she is only a private citizen, not a representative of this department and thus has no independent or continuing authority as a police officer.
9. Each reserve officer will be issued a copy of the rules and regulations which govern the Police Department. The members of the Reserve Unit will be expected to adhere to those rules which apply to them. Many of the rules within the Police Department handbook will not apply to reserve officers. During the course of the formation of the reserve, any member who has a question pertaining to the rules and regulations should address those questions to the Chief of Police.

W.T. Bevil
Chief of Police
Ozark Police Department