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CHAPTER 1

POLICE AND ARREST

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6-101. **Creation and regulation of police department.** Under the authority of the general powers granted to municipalities in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-2-201 and in order to protect the life and property of the citizens of Bulls Gap and to enforce all state laws and municipal ordinances the board of mayor and aldermen may establish and allocate funding for a municipal police department.

The board of mayor and aldermen shall be responsible for the creation, adoption, revision and/or revocation of all local rules, policies, guidelines and procedures for the government, discipline and administration of a municipal police department. (Ord. #06-27-94-1, July 1994)

6-102. **Chief of police and department personnel.** The board of mayor and aldermen may appoint a chief of the police, to administer the affairs of the police department. The appointment of the chief of police and all other personnel and staffing decisions shall be the responsibility of the board of mayor and aldermen. All employees shall be hired, promoted, disciplined, suspended and discharged in accordance with the personnel and departmental policies and

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1Municipal code reference
Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 7.
procedures, if any, adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen. Nothing in this section shall be construed as granting a property interest to the chief of police or any department employee in their continued employment or shall be interpreted as changing the "at will" status of employees of the municipality. (Ord. #06-27-94-1, July 1994)

6-103. **Duties and authority of chief of police.** The chief of police shall be responsible for the supervision of the municipal police department.

The duties of the chief of police shall include, but not be limited to, overseeing the department's responsibilities for the preservation of life and property, the preservation of law and order and the enforcement of state laws and municipal ordinances; establishing training programs; maintaining records related to the duties and functions of the police department; providing traffic control and enforcement; cooperating with other law enforcement agencies and jurisdictions; administering all rules, policies, guidelines and procedures adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen; making certain the department complies with all current applicable laws and regulations; and reporting monthly to the board of mayor and aldermen concerning the activities of the department and all personnel.

The chief shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be designated by the board of mayor and aldermen and shall provide advice to the board on matters pertaining to the operation and staffing of the police department. (Ord. #06-27-94-1, July 1994)

6-104. **When policemen to make arrests¹.** Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

1. Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.
2. Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.
3. Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1978 Code, § 1-404)

6-105. **Policemen may require assistance.** It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such a person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary. (1978 Code, § 1-405)

¹Municipal code reference

Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 7.
6-106. **Disposition of persons arrested.** Unless otherwise authorized by law, when a person is arrested he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the city judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender is not able to post the required bond, he shall be confined. (1978 Code, § 1-406)

6-107. **Police department records.** The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record in permanent form, showing:

1. All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.
2. All arrests made by policemen.
3. All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1978 Code, § 1-407)
CHAPTER 2

WORKHOUSE

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6-201. County jail to be used.
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6-201. **County jail to be used.** The county jail is hereby designated as the municipal workhouse, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the county. (1978 Code, § 1-601)

6-202. **Inmates to be worked.** All persons committed to the workhouse, to the extent that their physical condition shall permit, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners. (1978 Code, § 1-602)

6-203. **Compensation of inmates.** Each workhouse inmate shall be allowed five dollars ($5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines and costs assessed against him. (1978 Code, § 1-603)