

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5236

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bellevue adding a new section, .025, to Bellevue City Code 3.72 relating to Community Policing and Civil Service; Authorizing Participation in the Police Corps Program and Sponsorship of Candidates; Authorizing the Civil Service Commission to Approve Candidates for Appointment to Employment Upon Satisfactory Completion of the Police Corps Program.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals and Findings

1.1 The United States has adopted the Police Corps Act as Title XX, Subtitle A of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. 42 U.S.C. §§ 14091 et seq. The purposes of the Police Corps are to:

(1) Address violent crime by increasing the number of police with advanced education and training on community patrol; and

(2) Provide educational assistance to law enforcement personnel and to students who possess a sincere interest in public service in the form of law enforcement.

1.2 The State of Washington is sponsoring, through the Criminal Justice Training Commission, the Police Corps Program in the State of Washington.

1.3 The City endorses the Police Corps Program and seeks to participate in the program through sponsorship of qualified candidates.

1.4 It is the purpose of this Ordinance to authorize participation of the City as a sponsoring agent for Police Corps candidates and to provide for integration of the Police Corps Program into existing civil service and hiring programs.

Section 2. Police Corps Authorized

The City hereby authorizes the participation of the Washington Police Corps Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the Police Corps Program. The Chief of Police is authorized to enter into contracts necessary for the implementation of the Police Corps Program and sponsorship of Police Corps candidates.

Section 3. Civil Service Integration

3.1 Candidates for the Police Corps Program, sponsored by the City, shall be reviewed and approved by the Civil Service Commission and Chief of Police or his/her designee prior to sponsorship.

3.2 Police Corps candidates shall be subject to all requirements of employment qualification, including, but not limited to, background testing, polygraph, and other evaluations (collectively, "testing"). Testing may be employed both prior to sponsorship and following completion of the program.

3.3 Following approval of sponsorship by the Civil Service Commission and the appointing authority, a candidate may be sponsored by the City. Upon successful graduation from the Police Corps, certification by the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission, and completion of all testing, the candidate shall be employed as a probationary employee of the City subject to 42 U.S.C. § 14096 and regulations applicable to all law enforcement officers of the City.

Section 4. Ratification and Confirmation

All acts consistent with and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 7th day of August, 2000, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of August, 2000.

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Chuck Mosher, Mayor

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