

RESOLUTION

Town of Horizon City, Texas

WHEREAS, the Town of Horizon City, Texas is dully formed home-rule municipality in the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 341.012 of the Texas Local Government Code the Town of Horizon City is authorized to establish a volunteer police reserve force; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City has determined that the community would be well-served by having additional peace officers in reserve to preserve the peace and enforce the law within the City limits, will strengthen the ties with the community and improve public safety responsiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVE POLICE FORCE.** The City Council hereby authorizes the creation of a volunteer Horizon City Reserve Police Force.
- 2. FUNDING.** The Chief of Police and the Chief Financial Officer has provided the necessary funding to operate the Horizon City Reserve Police Force in the FY 2025-2026 Budget.
- 3. APPOINTMENT AND NUMBER OF RESERVE OFFICERS.** The Chief of Police may appoint the members of the reserve force, and they will serve at the Chief's discretion. The number of members of the Horizon City Reserve Police Force shall be limited to ten (10) officers.

A person appointed to the Horizon City Reserve Police Force must be approved by the Town of Horizon City Council before that person may carry a weapon or otherwise act as a Peace Officer.

- 4. QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATION:** Reserve Officers shall serve in a supplemental capacity to the regular police force and may not assume the full-time duties of regular police officers without complying with all the requirements for the hiring of regular Town of Horizon City Police Officers. Reserve Officers must:

- Licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as Peace Officers in accordance with Article 2A.001 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
- Meet the same minimum standards for age, education, experience and background as regular full-time Town of Horizon City police officers.

5. OPERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS. The Reserve Officers will operate as part of the Patrol Division, under a supervisor appointed by the Chief of Police. Reserve Officers may act as Peace Officers only:

- During the actual discharge of official duties; and
- When Expressly authorized by the Chief of Police or his designee.

Reserve Officers are not eligible for financial employment benefits or participation in pension, or other employment benefits provided to regular full-time Town of Horizon City Police Officers.

6. TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. To remain a member of the Horizon City Reserve Police Force, each reserve officer must:

- Provide a minimum of 24 service hours per calendar month, unless leave is granted by the Chief of Police.
- Complete all in-service training required of regular officers, including firearms, baton, and legal update training.
- Be subject to all departmental rules, regulations and codes of conduct applicable to the Town of Horizon City Police Department.
- Comply with all continuing education requirements to maintain TCOLE licensure, including but not limited to training in civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity at least once every 48 months.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. The reserve officers will support the HCPD by:

- Supplementing patrol operations;
- Assisting during special events and emergencies;
- Promoting community engagement and visibility; and
- Participating in parades, civic events, and other functions approved by the Chief of Police.

PASSED APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE the _____ day of January, 2026.

(Signatures on next page)

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

By: _____
Andres Renteria, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: _____
Marco Vargas, Chief of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney