

ORDINANCE NO. 2460

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2.12 designating the Code Compliance Officer as a position within the City of Camas Police Department.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Section 2.12.020 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

2.12.020 Personnel-Positions Designated.

The positions within the Police Department shall be chief, captain, sergeant, corporal, police officer, social service specialist, community service officer, code compliance officer, parking enforcement officer/clerk, and administrative personnel. The number of positions in each classification shall be as the Council may provide from time to time. The positions of community service officer, social service specialist, code compliance officer, parking enforcement officer/clerk and administrative personnel shall not be law enforcement officers as defined by Chapter 41.26 of the Revised Code of Washington. All members of the Police Department who occupy the position of social service specialist shall, however, have power to arrest, as is possessed by any law enforcement officer of the City.

The department may have a reserve membership. Each police reserve and all other police department employees shall be required to pass a thorough background examination, including a polygraph or other accepted lie detection examination, medical and physical examination in order to be eligible to serve.

Section II

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 20 ^{October} day of ~~September~~, 2006.

SIGNED: Paul De...
Mayor

ATTEST: John M. Augin
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:
[Signature]
City Attorney

Info

Camas Police Department

MEMO

Date: 09/13/06

To: Lloyd Halverson
From: Don Chaney
Subject: Code Compliance Officer Talking Points

The Code Compliance Specialist position was vacated this past May. Shortly thereafter Council was briefed on the proposal to construct a job description which adds the animal control component to the existing code enforcement responsibilities.

At some point in the future we envision Camas will hire a second employee to conduct the full function. At that time Camas will withdraw from the inter-local agreement with Washougal for animal control services.

After significant research staff has formalized a new job description. Labor has agreed to the modifications and subsequently we have adopted the remodeled job description.

Coming to Council in the next meeting regular agenda will be two ordinance changes formalizing these changes.

Noteworthy in the ordinances is:

1. The position moved from Community Development to the Police Department to more easily prosecute violations requiring enforcement action. The PD has an established system of handling, investigating, supervising, and coordinating cases requiring prosecution with the City attorney's office. The Code Compliance Officer will still work closely with Community Development, Building and Public Works staff in the course of their duty.
2. The position title is changed to Code Compliance 'Officer' from 'Specialist'. The title change aligns with what we found to be the prevalent title in the industry.
3. The position is specifically excluded from the LEOFF retirement system.
4. A change to Chapter 2.12 requires "all police employees pass a thorough background examination, including polygraph or other lie detection examination, medical and physical examination in order to be eligible to serve". In 2005 the state passed legislation requiring police officers to pass lie detector and psychological examinations to be eligible for certification.

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AN ORDINANCE adding a new Chapter 2.94 authorizing the Chief of Police to appoint a Code Compliance Officer with limited law enforcement powers.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

A new Chapter 2.94 of the Camas Municipal Code to be entitled "Code Compliance Officer" is hereby added to provide as follows:

2.94.010 Position Created.

There is hereby created in the Police Department the position of Code Compliance Officer, which shall be a City employee who has been granted a limited law enforcement or police commission by the Chief of Police and shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police or designee. The Code Compliance Officer shall be a civil service position, and shall not be entitled to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Retirement System.

2.94.020 Duties.

The Code Compliance Officer shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) To investigate and enforce the provisions of the Camas Municipal Code, with the exception of the criminal offenses as described in Title 9.
- b) Investigate and enforce State and local animal control laws.
- c) Respond to citizen complaints and reports from other agencies and departments on alleged violations of City zoning and related municipal codes, including substandard structures, zoning violations, debris, unsanitary conditions, and abandoned or inoperative vehicles.
- d) Inspect single family homes, apartment buildings, businesses and vacant lots to ensure compliance with City zoning and health and safety requirements.
- e) Interpret and explain municipal codes and ordinances to members of the general public, contractors, business owners and other interested groups.
- f) To perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by the Chief of Police or designee.

2.94.030 Compensation:

The salary of the Code Compliance Officer shall be as that as established in the Official Pay Plan of the City pursuant to Section 2.64.020 of this code. The Code Compliance Officer shall receive retirement benefits as provided by Chapter 2.60 of this code, vacation and other leave benefits as provided by Chapter 2.68, and medical, life and other insurance benefits as provided by Chapter 2.72.

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