

TOWN OF CATON

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Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2011 Town Police Department and Constabulary

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Purpose

It is the purpose of this law to promote the public health, safety and welfare in the Town of Caton, NY by maintaining a Police Constabulary ~~who~~ which shall serve under the supervision of the Town Board.

Establishment:

There is hereby established the Police Constabulary of the Town of Caton. The personnel shall be appointed annually by the Town Board. The annual salary shall be determined by the Town Board. Said Police Constable or Police Officer shall have all the power and authority conferred upon Police Constables and Police Officers respectively by the General Laws of the State and the Criminal Procedure Law.

Qualifications:

To be eligible for the position of Town Police Constable or Police Officer, a person must have no felony convictions and must be a minimum age of 21 years at the time of appointment. The person is subject to a background check and drug test prior to being hired by the Town of Caton. In addition, to be eligible for the office of Town Police Officer, the applicant must have completed NYS Police Certification.

Training:

The Police Constable or Police Officer shall attend training courses required in the performance of his or her duties to and including, but not limited to, Peace Officer training requirements set forth in §2.10 of the Criminal Procedure Law.

Duties:

The duties of the Police Constable shall ~~include the following functions~~ be to keep town law in accordance with powers given by the Criminal Procedure Law of New York State, and shall be limited to the following functions:

- a. To control crowds at any public function within the Town of Caton;
- b. To patrol the streets, to check windows and doors of buildings so as to maintain security and report to the New York State Police or Steuben County Sheriff any observations of criminal activity;
- c. To attend proceedings of the Justice Court so as to maintain order, assist Justices and those who have business before the court;
- d. To attend meetings at the Town Hall as necessary to maintain order and remove disorderly persons from such meetings;
- e. To assist Town Officials such as Code Enforcement in delivering legal papers and citations on behalf of the town or Town Board;

- f. To issue appearance tickets to persons suspected of violating local laws, ordinances or regulations of the Town of Caton or uniform traffic laws;
- g. Vandalism patrol of public parks and buildings;
- h. Other duties and limitations as described in the Town Police or Town Constable job description.

Weapons:

~~No Town Constable shall carry a weapon in the discharge of his or her duties except that a constable who has achieved Peace Officer Status may carry a baton. No Town Constable shall carry a firearm in the discharge of his or her duties except that a constable who has achieved Peace Officer Status and has obtained a license to possess a firearm in this State and has been approved by the Board may carry a weapon while performing his or her functions for the Town.~~ The carrying of any weapon by a Town Constable shall be approved by the Town Board and only after said Constable has received Peace Officer Status and certification for use of the weapon.

Termination of Employment:

Said ~~Police Constable~~ or Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and may be removed from office with or without cause.

Effective Dates:

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Motion _____

Seconded _____

Dated _____