

ARTICLE X

POLICE DEPARTMENT

117. (Department) *There shall be a department of the Town known as "Police Department", the head of which shall be a "Chief of Police".*

118. (Powers) *All police employees of the Police Department shall be peace officers and shall have in any and all parts of Queen Anne's County, the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating thereto, as sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers have in their respective jurisdiction in this State, and shall have all the immunities and matters of defense now available, or such as may hereafter be made available to sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers, in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their employment.*

119. (Duties) *All police employees of the Police Department shall have the following duties:*

(a) *To enforce the ordinances of the Town and the laws of the State relating to crimes and misdemeanors committed within the Town.*

(b) *To subdue riots, disorders and disturbances of the peace and to take into custody all persons so offending against the public peace.*

(c) *To arrest all persons, who shall obstruct or interfere with the execution of their duties.*

(d) *To attend upon any court or official having the enforcement of any such offense, and shall promptly and faithfully execute all writs and process issuing therefrom.*

(e) *To perform such other lawful duties as are imposed by the Town Commissioners, Town ordinances or this Charter.*

(f) *To deputize citizens of the Town in order to enforce the laws of the State or ordinances of the Town on extraordinary occasions to protect life and property, to subdue a riot or threatened public disturbance, or to avert any other danger to the Town or its residents.*

120. (Oath) *Every police employee appointed shall, within five (5) days after his appointment, make the declaration of religious belief and take and subscribe the oath set forth in the Constitution of Maryland before the*