

56. [POLICE FORCE; APPLICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

On the fifteenth day of August, 1912, and as often thereafter as there may be a vacancy to be filled in the police force, hereinafter provided for, the said board shall hold a preliminary examination at the City Hall for applicants for policemen. Notice of any and all preliminary examinations for policemen shall be given by advertisement in at least one newspaper published in the City of Cambridge, at least ten days before such examination; said notice shall state the time and place of said examination and the prerequisites for taking the same. Every applicant for policeman must be of good moral character, not addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors, must be at least five feet eight inches in height, must weigh not less than one hundred fifty pounds, must be between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years, and must be able to read and write a legible hand, and show a fair knowledge of the rules of the said Board of Police Commissioners. All examinations for policemen must be in writing and the Board reserves the right to reject any or all applications if in their sole discretion any applicant would not be a suitable member of the Police Force notwithstanding the fact that he may have passed the physical and mental examination. The said board shall examine the papers submitted by each applicant and grade them, taking into account in such grading the mental and physical qualifications of each applicant, and also his fitness for a police officer. Any applicant who has obtained an average of sixty per cent in the preliminary examination aforesaid and has passed a satisfactory physical examination may be appointed as a probationary officer for the City of Cambridge, with all the powers and duties of a regular police officer, for a period of six (6) months, unless said Board of Police Commissioners, in its discretion, shall dismiss such probationary officer during said period because of his lack of the necessary requirements and qualifications for a probationary officer, or until he shall be given a final mental examination by the said Board of Police Commissioners, and upon passing said mental examination, with an average of sixty per cent, and also passing a satisfactory physical examination, said probationary officer may be appointed a regular police officer of the City of Cambridge to serve as may be now provided by law.

The Board of Police Commissioners shall have discretion to waive the aforesaid requirement that an applicant shall be below the age of thirty-five years.] *The Commissioners of Cambridge shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a police force for the City of Cambridge to be governed by Ordinances as may be from time to time enacted by The Commissioners of Cambridge.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective November 18, 1969.

ORDAINED AND PASSED by The Commissioners of Cambridge this September 29, 1969.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

Osvrey C. Pritchett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth L. Hughes, Clerk

APPROVED September 29, 1969.

Osvrey C. Pritchett, Mayor