

TOWN OF GIBRALTAR POLICE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-15

The Town of Gibraltar does hereby adopt this ordinance in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes, and specifically section 60.56 Wis. Stats.

SECTION I

- 1.1 **Purpose.** The Town Board of the Town of Gibraltar, Door County, Wisconsin, has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents and property owners in the Town of Gibraltar to establish a police department within the Town of Gibraltar, to provide for law enforcement within the Town, and to promote public safety and welfare. The Town Board having established a police department under Section 60.56(1)(a)1 Wis. Stat., the Town Board hereby establishes a police committee, as provided below, for all statutory purposes set forth in Sections 60.56(1)(am)1 and 62.13(5), Wis. Stats.
- 1.2 **Statutory Authority.** This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Section 60.56, Wis. Stats., and this ordinance incorporates all portions of the Wisconsin Statutes found in each Section cited herein, as those Sections may be amended from time to time.
- 1.3 **Definitions.** The definitions contained in the statutes referred to above, as well as Section 939.22(22) and 340.01(70), Wis. Stats., are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION II

- 2.1 **Establishment of Police Committee.** The Town board does hereby establish a police committee, consisting of three persons, none of whom may be an elected or appointed official of the Town, or an employee of the Town. The term of each member shall be three years, with one term ending in each year. For the purpose of creating staggered terms, any appointee to the police committee may at any time be appointed to a one- or two-year term. The Town board may, by Resolution, from time to time appoint members of the police committee.
- 2.2 **Duties of Police Committee.** The police committee shall act in place of a board of police commissioners under the provisions of Section 62.13(5), Wis. Stats.
- 2.3 **Duties Retained by Town Board.** Except for that authority specifically granted to the police committee by this Ordinance or by Wisconsin Statutes, the Town Board retains all other authority and responsibility with regard to the police department, including, without limitation, decisions relating to hiring and firing, scheduling, equipment and other administrative actions.
- 2.4 **Compensation of Police Committee.** The members of the police committee may be compensated by the Town Board for each member's cost of serving on the committee, at a rate established by the Town Board.

SECTION III

- 3.1 **Police Department.** Subject to limitations put forth by the Town Board from time to time, the police department officer(s) shall enforce the ordinances of the Town of Gibraltar as well as the laws of the State of Wisconsin and the United States, and are authorized to make arrests within the Town of Gibraltar. This provision is not intended to limit any mutual aid for assistance agreements that the Town of Gibraltar may enter into with any other municipality.

3.2 Budget. Pursuant to Sections 60.56(1)(b) and 60.56(2), Wis. Stats., the Town Board may appropriate money to fund law enforcement activities of the Town police department.

BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing ordinance be adopted and shall become effective on passage.

Dated this 7th day of August 2002.

TOWN BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF GIBRALTAR.

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