

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1349

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE HAVASU CITY,
MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING LAKE HAVASU CITY CODE
CHAPTER 2.44, POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ADD SECTIONS 2.44.070, 2.44.080,
2.44.090 AND 2.44.100 REGARDING POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANTS AND CITIZENS
ON PATROL MEMBERS**

IT IS ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 2.44, Police Department, is amended to include a new section 2.44.070, Appointment of Police Service Assistants, as follows:

§ 2.44.070 APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANTS.

- A. The Chief of Police shall have the authority and discretion to appoint certain persons to the position of police service assistant, providing they meet the following qualifications:
1. Attend a specified training course.
 2. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 3. Be a citizen of the United States and of good moral character, and able to understand, read and write the English language.
 4. Possess a high school diploma (or general equivalency diploma).

Section 2: That Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 2.44, Police Department, is amended to include a new section 2.44.080, Authority of Police Service Assistants, as follows:

§ 2.44.080 AUTHORITY OF POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANTS.

- A. Police Service Assistants shall have the authority:
1. To investigate non-criminal traffic accidents occurring within the Lake Havasu City limits.
 2. To issue summons or commence an action or proceeding before a court or judge for any non-criminal violation of a local ordinance relating to traffic laws, providing that such violation is related to a traffic accident within the jurisdiction of the City.
 3. To commence an action or proceeding before a court or judge for any non-criminal violation of City ordinance regulating the standing or parking of vehicles.

4. To carry out any lawful order of, or conduct such investigations as directed by, the Chief of Police not involving hazardous duty.

Section 3: That Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 2.44, Police Department, is amended to include a new section 2.44.090, Appointment of Citizens on Patrol Members, as follows:

§ 2.44.090 APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS ON PATROL MEMBERS.

A. The Chief of Police shall have the authority and discretion to appoint certain persons to the Citizens on Patrol program, providing those persons meet the following qualifications:

1. Attend training as required under the direction of the Chief of Police.

2. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, of good moral character, and able to understand, read and write the English language.

Section 4: That Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 2.44, Police Department, is amended to include a new section 2.44.100, Authority of Citizens on Patrol Members, as follows:

§ 2.44.100 AUTHORITY OF CITIZENS ON PATROL MEMBERS.

A. Citizens on Patrol members, acting in an unarmed capacity, shall have the authority at the discretion of the Chief of Police, to:

1. To investigate non-criminal traffic accidents occurring within the Lake Havasu City limits.

2. To issue summons or commence an action or proceeding before a court or judge for any non-criminal violation of a local ordinance relating to traffic laws, providing that such violation is related to a traffic accident within the jurisdiction of the City.

3. To commence an action or proceeding before a court or judge for any non-criminal violation of City ordinance regulating the standing or parking of vehicles.

4. To carry out any lawful order of, or conduct such investigations as directed by, the Chief of Police not involving hazardous duty.

Section 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 6: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, on _____, 2024.

APPROVED:

Cal Sheehy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Williams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly Garry, City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

Jess Knudson, City Manager