

# Police Commissioner

AMENDING CHAPTER 67, OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AS AMENDED, HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED BY DELETING ARTICLE XVII AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING TO ADD THERETO: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Chapter 67. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

### Article XVII. Police Commissioner and Civilian Review Board Sections:

**§ 67-84. Position of Police Commissioner established; appointment.**

**§ 67-85. Term of office of Police Commissioner; vacancies; removal.**

**§ 67-86. Qualifications for Police Commissioner.**

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**§ 67-88. Acting Police Commissioner.**

**§ 67-84. Position of Police Commissioner established; appointment.**

The position of Police Commissioner is hereby established. The Mayor shall appoint a single Police Commissioner for the City of Springfield.

**§ 67-85. Term of office of Police Commissioner; vacancies; removal.**

The Police Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of not less than three years, and the term of said Commissioner shall not be coterminous with the Mayor. The Police Commissioner shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified, and any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the Mayor. Said Police Commissioner may be removed from office by the Mayor for cause.

**§ 67-86. Qualifications for Police Commissioner.**

At the time of appointment, such Police Commissioner shall have had at least seven years' experience as a captain, or equivalent rank, in a federal, state or local police force or law enforcement agency, or in any combination thereof. Such Police Commissioner shall not engage in any other business and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the office before entering upon the same. At the time of appointment, the Police Commissioner shall possess a master's degree in a field related to his or her duties from an accredited institution of higher learning or an equivalent degree.

**§ 67-87. Authority of Police Commissioner.**

The Police Commissioner shall have the authority to appoint, establish and organize the Police Department of the City. The Police Commissioner shall have control of the government, administration, disposition and discipline of the Police Department, and of the police force of the Department and shall make all rules and regulations as are proper for the efficiency of the Department and its force. Except as otherwise provided herein, all the powers and duties of the Police Commission of the City of Springfield now or

previously conferred or imposed by law or otherwise reflected in City ordinances or General Law of Massachusetts are hereafter conferred and imposed upon said Police Commissioner, including but not limited to those otherwise vested in the Mayor and City Council by Chapter 244 of the Acts of 1909.

**§ 67-88. Acting Police Commissioner.**

In case of absence, disability or vacancy of office by the Police Commissioner, then the next highest-ranking officer in the Department shall serve as Acting Police Commissioner. If there are two such officers of equal rank, the senior officer in date of appointment shall be Acting Police Commissioner.