



Legislation Text

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Retiring Police Officer Service Weapon Policy

PURPOSE: This agenda item requests the Town Council approve a written policy for future police officer retirements when an officer makes a request under NCGS 20-187.2 to purchase their service sidearm.

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☐ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

This agenda item involves a retirement policy for sworn police officers.

INFORMATION: NCGS 20-187.2 allows a retiring police officer to request that they be allowed to purchase their service weapon from the Town. This agenda item creates a written policy for the Town and the police department for future officer retirements.

Background:

- The Council has traditionally awarded a retiring officer their service firearm at no cost, upon request.
- During the retirement of Lieutenant Willie Quick in July 2023, a Council member raised questions about this practice.
- To inform policy development, a statewide survey of law enforcement agencies was conducted through the NC Association of Chiefs of Police and local agencies were contacted.
- The survey received 14 responses, with 13 agencies confirming they award service weapons under the authority of NCGS 20-187.2. Specific agency details are available upon request.

Local agencies that award duty weapon upon retirement:

Hillsborough PD - if officer has at least 10 years of service with HPD

Orange County Sheriff's Office - if entire career or higher rank

UNC Chapel Hill PD - officer can buy for \$1

UNC Hospital PD

Pittsboro PD

Siler City PD

Other agencies that award duty weapon upon retirement:

Greensboro PD - officer can buy for \$1

Hendersonville PD - officer can buy for \$1

Morganton Dept. of Public Safety

Southern Shores PD

NC ALE

Canton PD

Eden PD - officer can buy for \$1 to \$200 based on length of service

FISCAL IMPACT: The service weapon is valued at \$250.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached policy.