

ORDINANCE NO. 791

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 2.14 related to training required of Court Compliance Officer.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lakewood Municipal Code Court Compliance Officers are granted a specific limited commission unique to their position; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lakewood Municipal Code such limited commission is granted contingent upon successful completion of the State Correctional Officer Academy; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain training provided by the City of Lakewood is more appropriate to the needs of the Court Compliance Officer position; and

WHEREAS, providing what is believed to be the more appropriate and effective training instead of the proscribed training would violate City Code as currently written; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to amend the training requirement in City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That the Lakewood Municipal Code Section 2.14.120 entitled Scope of limited commission shall be amended as follows:

The scope of the commission granted to Court Compliance Officers shall be different from that granted to other employees with the same level of commission. Court Compliance Officers shall be authorized to carry and use firearms, tasers or other weapons issued by the Lakewood Police Department to perform the duties of the position after successful completion of training in the deployment of the weapons, ~~and successful completion of the State Correctional Officer Academy.~~ This commission is only effective while the Court Compliance Officer is on duty for the City. Nothing in this section shall extend more authority beyond that necessary to accomplish the duties of Court Compliance Officer.

For all other employees with special limited commissions, the commission granted shall not grant any power of arrest, nor shall it grant any authority to carry firearms or tasers except as otherwise authorized in this section. Code Enforcement Officers, Building Officials, Community Service Officers and Animal Control Officers are authorized to carry oleoresin capsicum (o.c.) spray issued by the Lakewood Police Department and may only use the o.c. spray for defensive purposes after successful completion of training in the deployment of the spray. In addition, Animal Control Officers may also carry and use tranquilizer darts or other weapons designed for use on animals in conjunction with animal control functions and are authorized to carry and use tasers and collapsible batons

for defensive purposes only. No one commissioned pursuant to this section shall have any authority beyond that necessary to issue notices of infraction and criminal citations for violations of City code provisions as a condition of employment with the City as related to the previously adopted code provisions.

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

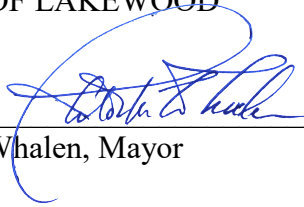
Section 3. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 5th day of September, 2023.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Attest:

B. Schumacher
Briana Schumacher, City Clerk


Jason Whalen, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter
Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney