

Ordinance No. 00329

[Council meeting minutes of Dec 1 2003](#)

ORDINANCE NO. 329

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, providing for the exercise of police powers.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution authorizes cities to make and enforce local police power; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood wishes to fully exercise its local powers through the establishment of a police department;

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

Section 1. Oath required. Prior to commencement of the performance of duties of the office, the Chief shall be required to take an oath for the faithful performance of the official duties.

Section 2. Police Officer Commissions. Police officers shall have the authority to:

- (1) Impound unauthorized vehicles pursuant to RCW 46.55.075 as currently codified or hereafter amended, and pursuant to any ordinance adopted under RCW 46.55 and to impound vehicles pursuant to any applicable Lakewood Municipal Code.
- (2) Issue civil infractions as set forth in Chapter 7.80 RCW, IRLJ 1.2(j), 2.2(b) and 2.2(c) as currently codified or hereafter amended;
- (3) Arrest prisoners and/or suspects who escape while being transported by police officers;
- (4) Investigate crimes occurring in the City of Lakewood and arrest suspects including and not limited to the service of warrants;
- (5) Assist in the investigation of crimes or assist in the arrest of suspects as requested by other local, county, or state or federal law ;
- (6) Arrest pursuant to Lakewood Municipal Code 9.04.020 and RCW Chapter 10.31.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 1st day of December, 2003.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

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