

CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A POLICE RESERVE FORCE PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 341.012; ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS OF TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE FORCE; LIMITING THE SIZE OF THE RESERVE FORCE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT, SUPERVISION, AND REMOVAL OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Starbase, Texas (the “City”) is a Type C general-law municipality operating under the laws of the State of Texas, and the City Commission is the governing body of the City; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to provide for the establishment of a police reserve force, requires the governing body to establish qualifications and standards of training for members of the reserve force, and authorizes the governing body to limit the size of the reserve force; and

WHEREAS, members of a police reserve force serve at the discretion of the chief of police and may be called into service at any time the chief of police considers it necessary to have additional officers to preserve the peace and enforce the law; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the establishment of a police reserve force will supplement the City’s law enforcement resources and is in the best interest of the City and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of the City Commission.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Police Reserve Force. There is hereby established a police reserve force for the City of Starbase, Texas (the “Reserve Force”), pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012. Members of the Reserve Force shall be known as “reserve police officers.”

SECTION 3. Size of Reserve Force. The Reserve Force shall not exceed [twenty (20)] members in number. The City Commission may, by resolution, adjust the authorized size of

the Reserve Force, provided the Reserve Force shall at all times remain within any limits established by state law.

SECTION 4. Appointment and Removal. The Chief of Police shall appoint the members of the Reserve Force, subject to the approval of the City Commission. Members of the Reserve Force serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police and may be removed by the Chief of Police at any time. Appointment to the Reserve Force does not constitute an offer or guarantee of employment with the City, and reserve police officers are not entitled to civil service protection.

SECTION 5. Qualifications and Training. Each reserve police officer shall, at the time of appointment and at all times during service on the Reserve Force, hold and maintain a current license as a peace officer issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and shall comply with all minimum standards of education, training, licensure, and continuing education established by TCOLE and applicable state law for reserve law enforcement officers. It shall be the individual responsibility of each reserve police officer to maintain such license and to complete all training required to maintain it. The Chief of Police may establish additional qualifications, standards of training, and rules and regulations governing the Reserve Force, consistent with this Ordinance and state law.

SECTION 6. Duties and Authority. Reserve police officers shall serve under the direction, supervision, and control of the Chief of Police and may be called into service at any time the Chief of Police considers it necessary to have additional officers to preserve the peace and enforce the law. A reserve police officer shall act as a peace officer only during the actual discharge of official duties, and may carry a weapon only when authorized to do so by the Chief of Police and only while in the actual discharge of official duties, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 341.012.

SECTION 7. Compensation. Reserve police officers shall serve without compensation as volunteers, unless otherwise provided by the City Commission. Service on the Reserve Force shall not entitle a reserve police officer to any salary, retirement, or other employment benefit of the City, except as may be required by state law or expressly authorized by the City Commission.

SECTION 8. Mayor's Authority Preserved. Nothing in this Ordinance limits the authority of the Mayor to summon into service a special police force as provided by Texas Local Government Code Section 341.011.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect

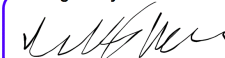
without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Starbase, Texas, on this 19th day of June, 2026.

CITY OF STARBASE, TEXAS

Signed by:



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Bobby Peden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed by:



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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Caleb Rush, City Attorney

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