

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.210
RELATED TO LIMITED COMMISSIONS IN THE RICHLAND
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to update the Richland Municipal Code to eliminate ambiguity and bring it into compliance with current practice; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police currently issues a limited commission for animal control officers, and desires to expand the staff eligible for a limited commission to code enforcement officers and the City's park ranger; and

WHEREAS, amending the Richland Municipal Code to address limited commissions will ensure the requisite authority is in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 2.04.210, entitled Police department, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 1-78, and last amended by Ordinance No. 2022-33, is hereby amended as follows:

2.04.210 Police department

The police department, under the direction of the chief of police, shall have all of the duties designated and devolved upon such departments by state law generally, and specifically as to cities organized or chartered under either RCW Title 35 or 35A. ~~shall be responsible for patrol, investigations, code enforcement and community relations.~~ In addition, the chief of police may issue a limited commission to persons outside the police department who have a need to have limited enforcement capabilities such as, but not limited to, animal control, parking and parks. These limited commissions will specifically state the ordinances for which the holder may issue citations for civil infractions. The chief of police will develop standards for the selection and training of those being granted a limited commission, which will be consistently applied. The limited commission may be revoked at any time by the chief of police.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.


Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 5th day of September, 2023.



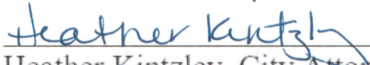
Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: August 15, 2023

Second Reading: September 5, 2023

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