
CHAPTER 228: PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICERS

SECTION 228.010: PURPOSE

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all persons who seek employment or status as either an armed or unarmed Private Security Officer within the City limits and companies that provide such services through company employees. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.020: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

APPROVED FIREARM: Any solid frame revolver of .38 or .357 caliber or semi-automatic in .380, .40, .45, 9 mm or 10 mm calibers.

ARMED PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER: A private security officer who, in the same year the license is applied for, has completed an eight (8) hour firearms training course taught by a certified firearms instructor. The course must include achieving a passing score after completion of a firearms qualification course at an approved firing range with the same approved firearm that will be carried while performing security duties.

CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR: A firearms safety instructor that is certified by the National Rifle Association as a Certified Personal Protection Instructor or a Certified Pistol Instructor. Proof of certification will be a copy of the NRA issued certificate and identification card.

PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY: Any sole proprietorship, firm, company, partnership or corporation that employs personnel to provide private security service.

PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER: Any individual providing private security services within the City whether for a licensed private security company or otherwise. A licensed Private Security Officer has Police powers limited to the property which they have been lawfully assigned to protect. Those licensed under the provisions of this Chapter have no authority to enforce ordinances, Statutes or rules on the public streets of the City or any location other than the property they have been assigned to protect. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.030: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A. No person shall act as an armed or unarmed Private Security Officer within the City, whether for a registered private security business or otherwise, unless such person is registered pursuant to this Chapter.

B. No firm, company, partnership or corporation shall provide private security services within the City unless it is registered pursuant to this Chapter. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.040: ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

The Director of Public Safety or his designee shall be responsible for the registration of any organization or

person desiring to provide private security services within the City. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.050: INDIVIDUAL LICENSE

- A. Individual registrants shall be required to complete and submit a registration form provided by the Department of Public Safety. The annual fee for an individual license as a Private Security Officer or an armed Private Security Officer shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- B. All registrants shall submit the necessary information for a background check, to include fingerprinting by the Department of Public Safety, and any additional information requested by the Department.
- C. If the registrant is requesting licensure as an armed Private Security Officers, proof of firearms training and qualification by a certified firearms instructor is also required. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.060: COMPANY LICENSE

- A. Any sole proprietorship, firm, company, partnership or corporation desiring to engage in the business of providing private security services in the City shall be required to complete a registration form provided by the Department of Public Safety and such registration shall be in addition to any individual registration required pursuant to this Chapter. The annual fee for a company license as a provider of private security services shall be eighty-four dollars (\$84.00).
- B. A company registration shall set forth all information required consistent with the provisions of this Chapter which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Company identification information, a copy of organizational documents, the names(s) and addresses of the principal owners of the company, any criminal history for the owner(s). (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.070: DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A. No person shall be licensed pursuant to this Chapter unless such registrant is proficient in English.
- B. No person shall be eligible for licensure that has a felony conviction, a conviction for domestic violence or any crime involving assault, or who is subject to an order of protection issued by any court.
- C. No person who is on probation as a result of a violation of any Federal, State or Municipal Law or Code, except for minor traffic offenses, shall be issued a license. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.080: DISCHARGE OF FIREARM

Armed Private Security Officers are required to notify the Department of Public Safety immediately upon the discharge of a firearm within the City limits. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.090: LIABILITY INSURANCE

No individual or company shall be licensed pursuant to this Chapter unless the applicant files with the

Director of Public Safety a certificate of liability insurance showing proof of general liability coverage of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the aggregate. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.100: SECURITY OFFICER UNIFORMS

Security Officer uniforms, if used, shall not bear any resemblance to any uniform worn by members of the Department of Public Safety, nor shall any uniforms, badges or vehicles using the word "Police" be used. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.110: COMPLAINTS AND WITHDRAWAL OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

The Director of Public Safety or his designee may investigate any complaint made against a Private Security Officer. The Director, or his designee, shall have the authority to suspend or withdraw any individual or company license when the investigation shows that the provisions of this Chapter have been violated. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)

SECTION 228.120: EXEMPTIONS

A. The following individuals shall not be required to obtain a license pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter:

1. Sworn Law Enforcement Officers who have Police power within the City.
2. Individuals who have been issued either a Level 1 or Level 2 license by the Missouri Gaming Commission.

B. Riverboat gambling casinos that have been licensed by the Missouri Gaming Commission are not required to obtain a company license. (Ord. No. 2006-05 §1, 1-17-06)