

## ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS POLICE ADMINISTRATOR; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS:

**Section 1. Section 10-101 Amended.**

Section 10-101 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

**10-101. Police department; administrative designation.**

(a) The police department of this city shall consist of a chief of police and such number of regular law enforcement officers as shall be appointed as provided by K.S.A. 15-204 and amendments thereto.

(b) The governing body hereby designates the City Manager to serve concurrently as Police Administrator.

(c) The Police Administrator position shall be administrative in nature and separate and distinct from the operational command authority of the chief of police.

(d) The designation of the City Manager as Police Administrator shall not alter or diminish the statutory or operational authority of the chief of police regarding day-to-day law enforcement operations.

**Section 2. Section 10-102 Amended.**

Section 10-102 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

**10-102. Law enforcement personnel; general duties; chain of command.**

(a) It shall be the general duty of the chief of police and all sworn law enforcement personnel to the best of their ability to preserve good order, peace and quiet throughout the city as provided by law or ordinance.

(b) The chief of police and all sworn law enforcement personnel shall at all times have power to make arrest under proper process or without process on view of any offense against the laws of the State of Kansas or laws of the city and to keep all persons so arrested, unless admitted to bail, in the city jail, county jail or other proper place to prevent their escape until their trial can be had before the proper officer.

(c) All persons arrested for violation of any law of the state and who shall not be charged with an offense under any law of the city shall be released to the custody of the sheriff of the county and such arrest shall be reported to the county attorney.

(d) The chief of police shall serve as the operational head of the department and shall direct daily law enforcement activities, investigations, patrol functions, field supervision, enforcement discretion, and deployment decisions.

(e) All arrest authority, enforcement discretion, investigative determinations, and tactical decisions shall remain exclusively under the operational direction of the chief of police except as otherwise required by Kansas law during formally declared emergency circumstances.

(f) The Police Administrator, being the City Manager, shall provide administrative oversight including, but not limited to:

- (1) Budget preparation and monitoring;
- (2) Policy review for statutory and fiscal compliance;
- (3) Personnel record compliance;
- (4) Training and certification verification;
- (5) Asset, equipment, and inventory oversight;
- (6) Risk management and liability review; and
- (7) Interdepartmental coordination.

(g) The Police Administrator shall not direct or interfere with specific enforcement actions, arrests, investigations, charging recommendations, or tactical decisions of sworn personnel except where expressly authorized by statute or during formally declared emergency authority as provided by Kansas law.

(h) If the City Manager is a duly certified law enforcement officer under Kansas law, any limited-duty sworn authority exercised shall be supplemental and shall not displace the chief's operational chain of command.

### **Section 3. Section 10-103 Amended.**

Section 10-103 is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

#### **10-103. Rules and regulations.**

(a) The chief of police shall have authority to propose such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the department.

(b) All departmental policies and regulations shall require approval by the governing body.

(c) The Police Administrator may review policies for administrative, fiscal, and legal compliance prior to submission to the governing body.

(d) Nothing herein shall be construed to grant unilateral policymaking authority to the Police Administrator absent governing body approval.

### **SECTION 4.**

Ordinance No. 2026-02 and any portions of the Code in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official newspaper of the City. The official newspaper of the City is the city website: [www.cityofleon.org](http://www.cityofleon.org).

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, this 2nd day of March, 2026, and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor on March 2, 2026.

Mayor Kristina Semisch

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ATTEST:

City Clerk Jodie Laidler  
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