

PINEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SECTION 2: COMMAND / JURISDICTION

SUBJECT: 201 JURISDICTION

EFFECTIVE: 01/01/2015

1. **PURPOSE.** This General Order establishes the authority and jurisdiction of the Department.

2. **LEGAL JURISDICTION.** The Department is established by the City in the exercise of the City's municipal powers granted under the Louisiana Constitution and the City's Charter.

The authority of officers derives from the City Charter and the laws of the State of Louisiana, and is conferred through the commission issued by the Chief of Police.

3. **MANDATED AUTHORITY.** Sworn members have the following mandated authority.

- A. To enforce federal laws to the extent allowed by the federal government.
- B. To enforce state laws.
- C. To enforce city ordinances.
- D. To serve/execute warrants.
- E. To enforce traffic laws.
- F. To preserve public peace and safety within the City and the State of Louisiana.

4. **ACCOUNTABILITY OF AUTHORITY.** Each member of this Department is accountable for the use of delegated authority empowered to them by the Chief of Police, Pineville City Codes, and the laws of the State of Louisiana. The responsibility for such authority, however, remains with the delegating authority.

5. **PHYSICAL JURISDICTION.** All area within the boundaries of the City of Pineville is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Pineville Police Department. The department may, however, on its own initiative, operate outside of the boundaries of the City to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6. **CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.** The following guidelines govern the provision of law enforcement services in concurrent jurisdictions in and around the City.

- A. The Pineville Police Department shall have primary responsibility for law enforcement within city limits. Other law enforcement agencies may have concurrent law enforcement authority within the boundaries of the City, but their primary responsibility for law enforcement is outside of city boundaries. The Pineville Police Department shall generally limit its routine enforcement of laws and overall exercise of its police authority to the area within the boundaries of the City.

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- B. The Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office shall have primary law enforcement responsibility within the unincorporated area of Rapides Parish. Although deputies of the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office have law enforcement responsibilities wherever they may travel within the Parish, the Sheriff's Office generally limits its routine enforcement of laws and overall exercise of police authority to the area outside of the boundaries of the City.
 - C. The Louisiana State Police shall have primary law enforcement responsibility along state highways and within the unincorporated area of Rapides Parish. Although troopers of the Louisiana State Police have law enforcement responsibilities wherever they may travel within the State, the Louisiana State Police generally limits its routine enforcement of laws and overall exercise of police authority to the area outside of the boundaries of the City, and on State highways within the City.
 - D. Other cities located in Rapides Parish or any other county in this state generally do not engage in routine law enforcement inside Pineville's city limits. This general practice does not limit the authority of municipal police officers and Deputy Sheriffs of this state to enforce the law anywhere within the state.
 - E. Requests for service received by this department that regard an incident occurring outside city limits are generally redirected to the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana State Police or another city police department, depending on which agency appears to have primary jurisdiction over the incident. Requests for service received by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana State Police or another city police department that regard an incident occurring inside the city limits of Pineville are generally redirected to this department.
7. **MUTUAL AID.** The following guidelines govern the provision of mutual aid among jurisdictions operating in and around the City. These guidelines are not intended to limit the department's authority to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies.
- A. The Pineville City Police Department is available to provide patrol, law enforcement assistance, backup assistance, and emergency aid to the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office and other police departments of cities located in Rapides Parish upon request.
 - B. Requests for service received by this department that regard an incident occurring outside city limits are generally redirected to the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana State Police or another city police department, depending on which agency appears to have primary jurisdiction over the

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By order of

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Chief of Police