

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03-459

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION 31.05 OF THE CITY CODE TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, first and second class municipal corporations are required to provide for police protection and fire protection to insure the health, safety, and welfare of citizens thereof, and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling these legal obligations, the City Council has determined, in the interest of economy and efficiency, that a department of public safety be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS:

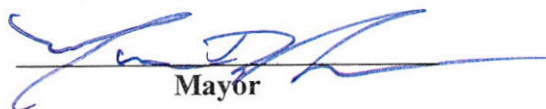
SECTION 1. Current Section 31.05 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed, and a new Section 31.05 entitled "Department of Public Safety," which reads as follows, is hereby adopted:

- (A) Pursuant to authority granted under Arkansas Code Annotated 14-42-421 through 14-42-425, there is hereby created a Tontitown Department of Public Safety.
- (B) The Department of Public Safety shall perform the functions of, and have all the rights, responsibilities, and duties of, a police department and a municipal fire department. Further, it may perform any other departmental functions deemed by the City Council to be necessary for the public safety of Tontitown citizens including, but not limited to, emergency medical services and code enforcement.
- (C) The existing Police Department is transferred, in all respects, to the Department of Public Safety, with the existing Police Chief becoming the Director of the Department of Public Safety, and existing police officers becoming Public Safety Officers.
- (D) Employees of the Department of Public Safety may perform the functions of police officers, fire fighters, or other services the department may be empowered to undertake if the particular employee is qualified under standards adopted by the City to perform these functions, and is in compliance with and qualified or certified by applicable state laws.

SECTION 2. Emergency Clause. The need to create a Tontitown Department of Public Safety is immediate and necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city, as well as for insuring a smooth transition from the current non-complaint public safety arrangements. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED THIS 4 DAY OF March, 2014.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Collins
Recorder/ Treasurer