

RESOLUTION NO. 1580

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION DEFINING THE SCOPE, PURPOSE, FUNCTION, AND JURISDICTION OF THE PORT OF PASCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by instrument dated July 17, 1963, the City of Pasco assigned and transferred to the Port of Pasco those certain facilities and premises formerly known as the Pasco Airport and now denominated "The Tri-Cities Airport", and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco, under the terms of such transfer, retain by virtue of Section 7 thereof, the obligation to furnish fire and police protection to the Airport premises, upon certain considerations as therein recited, and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years, the City of Pasco has in fact provided such fire and police protection to the Airport premises and continues to do so, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of applicable statutes, the Port and the City of Pasco were authorized to enter into such agreement, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 14.08.120(2), the Port of Pasco as a municipality operating an airport, enacted Resolution No. 599 on January 13, 1977, the terms of which established a police department for the Tri-Cities Airport, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 857 was superseded by Resolution No. 857 on March 8, 1990, to provide a more effective and efficient police department at the Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Pasco is likewise required, by Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, to maintain at the airport, law enforcement officers in conformity with 49 CFR 1542, and

WHEREAS, the Port desires to supersede the previous Resolution No. 857 to further define the scope, purpose, function, and jurisdiction of said police department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Port of Pasco Police Department's purpose and function is to enforce all the applicable federal, state, county, or municipal statutes, rules, regulations, or ordinances at the Port owned Tri-Cities Airport, and at other Port owned or controlled properties. Such law enforcement activity shall be for the purpose of preserving the peace, protecting property and human life, ensuring public safety, and supporting the airline screening activity in the terminal building, assisting in monitoring the vehicle parking operations, and providing police services, as necessary, on Port owned properties. The primary geographical jurisdiction shall be the Tri-Cities Airport terminal building, and all Port owned properties that make up the Airport complex. This will include, but is not limited to, the terminal building, the property surrounding the terminal building, the airline apron, all vehicle parking lots, all airline freight facilities, the toll plaza for the pay parking lots, the airfield, the industrial park, the business park, and the Port owned properties surrounding the airport. Officers shall also respond to such other locations as directed by management, or as shall be reasonably indicated by an emergent situation.

SECTION 2. Commissioned officers of the Port of Pasco Police Department are authorized to make arrests and otherwise enforce regulations, ordinances, and laws on behalf of the Port of Pasco. Said commissions shall be granted pursuant to the following standards:

- (A) Officers will be commissioned when filling the position authorized by the Port Commission, or when there is a vacancy in a previously authorized position created by the Port Commission, and when the appointee meets the minimum standards of such position as may be applicable including any probationary period which may apply;
- (B) All persons, in order to be eligible for a commissioned officer position in the Port of Pasco Police department, must be a graduate of a recognized professional police academy or training institution as required by RCW 53.08.280 and meet all other certification requirements of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) and the applicable RCW.
- (C) Commission officers shall receive an instrument of commission which shall be signed by the Chief of the Police Department and countersigned by the Airport Director: Provided, however, that the Commission of the Chief of the Police Department shall be signed by the Executive Director of the Port and counter signed by the Airport Director.
- (D) Commissions may be revoked by the issuing authorities if the officer's employment is discontinued, and may be suspended for leaves of absence, or for disciplinary purposes.
- (E) The Executive Director shall also procure necessary insurance coverage for commissioned officers as may be appropriate.

SECTION 3. The Chief of the Police Department shall be responsible for the continued training of all commissioned officers. The Chief, under the direction of and in cooperation with the Airport Director, shall also establish such necessary policies, procedures, rules of discipline, and health standards as may be appropriate and shall specify a standard uniform of dress. The training, rules of conduct, discipline, and standards of health along with other guidelines, shall generally follow accepted programs, rules, and standards applicable to law enforcement agencies in the State of Washington.

SECTION 4. In the enforcement of laws, ordinances, and regulations at the Airport and on other Port properties, the jurisdiction of the Port of Pasco Police department shall not be exclusive and the Department shall cooperate in all respects with other law enforcement agencies, and the courts, to effectively provide the highest standards of professional law enforcement as authorized under RCW 10.92.020, commonly known as the Washington State Police Powers Act.

On direction of the Port Commission and with the approval of the Executive Director, the Chief of Police, shall be authorized on behalf of the Port, to enter into contracts of cooperation with other law enforcement agencies for police services, mutual aid, training, special investigative services, communications, and record systems for the Port of Pasco Police Department. Such contracts shall be subject to all usual budgetary and financial expenditure controls of the Port of Pasco Commission.

SECTION 5. The Chief of Police, with approval of the Airport Director, may authorize the issuance of special commissions in the Port of Pasco Police Department to fully trained law enforcement officers.

SECTION 6. This resolution is promulgated and is to be implemented in compliance with applicable statutes, and will be administered in conformity with any collective bargaining agreement covering Port of Pasco Police officers.

SECTION 7. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 857, dated March 8, 1990.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2022.

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION

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Vicki Gordon, President

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Jean Ryckman, Vice-President

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Jim Klindworth, Secretary