



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Resolution Setting A Retiring Police Officer Gun And Badge Policy** – Approval of a Resolution setting a policy allowing a retiring Police Officer to purchase their service weapon pursuant to A.R.S. 38-845(G) and presentation of an out of service badge.

Staff Contact: Police Chief Haynie

Meeting Date: September 22, 2009

Background: Throughout the country it is common practice of a Police Department to present an officer their weapon and badge upon retiring. This is usually done because this is the most meaningful retirement gift to a police officer honoring their years of service to the community. The weapon is usually well worn after going through thousands of rounds used in keeping up the mandated weapon qualifications and the badge has usually been on them since starting with the department.

Arizona Revised Statue 38-845 (G) states:

In addition to the amounts received under subsection A, B, C, D or E and subject to the approval of the employer, the pension includes the ability of a member to purchase the handgun or shotgun issued by the employer to the member at less than fair market value.

Other Arizona communities have a policy to allow the retiring officer to purchase their service weapon for \$1.00.

It is also common to present the retiring officer with an out of service badge upon retirement.

Police Officers with a minimum ten (10) years of continued service with Town of Clarkdale along with retirement eligibility through the Arizona State Public Safety Program would be considered a retiring police officer.

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution # _____, a Resolution of the Town Council of Clarkdale, Arizona, setting a policy allowing a retiring Police Officer to purchase their service weapon pursuant to A.R.S. 38-845(G) and presentation of an out of service badge.

RESOLUTION SETTING RETIRING POLICE OFFICER GUN AND BADGE POLICY

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, SETTING A POLICY ALLOWING A RETIRING POLICE OFFICER TO PURCHASE THEIR SERVICE WEAPON PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-845(G) AND PRESENTATION OF AN OUT OF SERVICE BADGE.

WHEREAS, Throughout the country it is common practice of a Police Department to present a Police Officer their weapon and badge upon retiring because it is the most meaningful retirement gift to a Police Officer which honors their years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Police Officers with a minimum ten (10) years of continued service with Town of Clarkdale along with the required retirement eligibility through the Arizona State Public Safety Program would be considered a retiring Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. 38-845 (G) allows a retiring Police Officer to purchase the weapon issued by the employer to the Officer at less than fair market value, with employer approval; and

WHEREAS, Since the weapon is usually well worn after going through thousands of rounds used in mandated weapon qualifications the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale pursuant to A.R.S. 38-845 (G) has the ability to set the value of a retired officer's service weapon at \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, It is also common to present a retiring Police Officer with their service badge in the form of a retired out of service badge; and

WHEREAS, Due to wear and tear throughout the years of wearing their service badge there may be little or no value to the Town of Clarkdale, the Town Council may set no value to the service badge at retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkdale, recognizes the outstanding service provided to the Town by a retiring Police Officer and wishes to honor the Officer's commitment to the community and public safety by allowing purchase of the service weapon and presenting the Police Officer their badge upon retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

That Police Officers with a minimum ten (10) years of continued service with Town of Clarkdale along with the required retirement eligibility through the Arizona State Public Safety Program are considered a retiring Police Officer.

That the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale pursuant to A.R.S. 38-845 (G) sets the value of a retired officer's service weapon at \$1.00, allowing the purchase of that weapon by the Police Officer.

That a retiring Police Officer will be presented with their service badge in the form of a retired out of service badge and that the Town Council has set a zero value to that service badge due to wear and tear over the years of wearing the service badge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Clarkdale recognizes the outstanding service provided to the Town by a retiring Police Officer and wishes to honor the retired Police Officer's commitment to the community and public safety by allowing purchase of the service weapon and presenting the Police Officer their badge upon retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council on the 22nd day of September, 2009.

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director