## ORDINANCE 99-7

## AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES FOR SAID MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** That the law enforcement and protection of the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas, shall be vested in and delegated to the hereinafter established Police Department. The Police Department is hereby established as the law enforcement and protection agency for the purpose of preserving peace, maintaining order, and enforcing the laws and ordinances of the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

SECTION 2. That the Police Department shall consist of one person known and designated as the Chief of Police, and such other police officers as the City Council may provide, who shall meet the requirements of the laws of the State of Arkansas and rules as may be prescribed by the City Council from time to time. Said Chief of Police shall be appointed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas. Said police officers shall be appointed by the Chief of Police, subject to the approval of the City Council. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the deputies or police officers as may be designated by the City Council.

## **SECTION 3.**

- A. That the membership of the Police Department shall be determined by the City Council, from time to time, increasing or decreasing the membership as occasion demands and their salaries shall be fixed and deteimined by the City Council subject to the increase or decrease as the occasion demands.
- B. The City of Cherokee Village is an "at will" employer.

SECTION 4. The Police Department and its membership shall be the law enforcement and protection agency charged with the responsibility for law enforcement, protection, preservation of peace and order within the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas. The Chief of Police shall attend all City Council meetings and make his monthly report to the City Council concerning the operation and equipment of the department, and such other matters as shall be deteimined necessary by ordinance of the City Council. Other duties shall be such as are fixed by the laws of the State and ordinances of the City.

SECTION 5. The City is authorized to apply for Federal and State funds for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a police force in Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. That the City Council has found and determined that the establishment of a Police Department is essential to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Cherokee Village. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL.

