

1.1.1 Oath of Office

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department to have all sworn members adhere and subscribe to the oath of office. Each member of the Johnstown Police Department, prior to assuming sworn status is required to take and subscribe to an oath of office.

II. PURPOSE

To provide the officers of the Johnstown Police Department a clear understanding of the law enforcement agency role, the significance and the solemnity of the oath of office and the importance of comprehending and adhering to the oath of office.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Standard

1. Said oath shall at a minimum include the language, "I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support, obey, and defend the constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and I will enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of the Johnstown Police Department, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity".
2. In this oath, sworn officers shall acknowledge that they will uphold, obey and enforce the law without consideration to a person's race, color, creed, or condition.
3. This oath will be administered orally by the Mayor of Johnstown. A signed and notarized copy will be placed in the officer's personnel file. In the absence of the Mayor, the City Manager or Chief of Police may administer the oath of office.
4. Any person failing or refusing to take this oath shall be discharged immediately by the proper appointing authority. All newly hired officers will be on a one-year probationary period. This probationary period will commence from the date the officer takes the oath of office.

Effective Date:
Date: October 31, 2017

By Order Of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Robert F. Johnson
Chief of Police

Revised: October 17, 2017

Appendage A



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Police Department

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I, _____ being a duly appointed member of the Johnstown Police Department, in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of this Commonwealth and the Ordinances of the City of Johnstown. That I will, during my term of office, perform the duties of my office, with fidelity, honor, and respect regardless of race, color, creed, or condition. That I have not paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute either directly or indirectly, any money or any other valuable to procure my appointment, except for necessary and legitimate expenses expressly authorized, by law; that I have not knowingly violated any laws of the Commonwealth, or procured said acts to be conducted by others on my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuables or things for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than compensation by the City of Johnstown.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this _____ day of 20_____.

Effective Date: _____, 20_____

By Order of:

Chief of Police

Witness my hand and official seal:

Mayor

City Manager