

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 1

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RETIREMENT, HONOR AND RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE
TOWN OF FORT BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, The Town of Fort Branch wishes to recognize the members of the Fort Branch Police
Department for their service to the Community; and

Whereas, there exist a need in the Town of Fort Branch for an ordinance to enact ordinances to
recognize and honor retiring officers of the Fort Branch Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT BRANCH,
INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

- A. After a minimum of (10) ten years of honorable service to the Town of Fort Branch as a Reserve Police Officer and at such time, having preformed his or her requested and necessary duties as a Reserve Police Officer and being in good standing, a Reserve Police Officer shall be entitled to retire and to receive the honor and recognition herein provided. For the purpose of calculating years of service under this subsection, only years of service as a Fort Branch Reserve Police Officer shall count towards the qualifying years of service.
- B. After a minimum of (20) twenty years of service to the Town of Fort Branch as a (paid) sworn Police Officer and at such time, having preformed his or her requested and necessary duties as a (paid) sworn Police Officer and being in good standing, a (paid) sworn Police Officer shall be entitled to retire and to receive the honor and recognition herein provided.
- C. A Police Officer who desires to retire and who satisfies the established eligibility requirements listed in either divisions (A) or (B) above shall submit a letter of intent to retire to the Marshal and/or Town Council. Upon determination by the Marshal and the Town Board that the Police Officer has satisfied the established eligibility requirements, the Officer shall be granted retirement status.
- D. Each retired Police Officer shall be provided, at the Town's expense and within six months of the officer's last date of service to the Town, a "retired" badge and identification card, both of which shall evidence the Police Officer's retired status and rank at which the officer retired. Such retired badge and identification card shall remain the property of the Town of Fort Branch, provide no authority to act as a police officer and must be returned to the Town of Fort Branch at any time upon the request of the Marshal or Town Council and in his or their absolute discretion.
- E. The retired officer shall receive his or her service weapon at the cost of \$1.00. The service weapon must be transferred to the retired officer within 30 days of the officers retirement date or it must be returned to the Fort Branch Police Department.

**PASSED & ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana
this 25th day of June 2019**

Town Council of Fort Branch, Indiana



ADAM BLEDSOE, PRESIDENT



SCOTT MICHAEL, COUNCIL MEMBER



TOM HAUSCHILD, COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST



STACY L. ELPERS, CLERK TREASURER

