

Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

State

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to department members.

102.2 POLICY

State

It is the policy of the City of Galveston Police Department that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

102.3 OATH OF OFFICE

State

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the oaths or affirmations applicable to their positions (Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 1).

The form of the oath should be as follows:

“I, (state name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute the duties of (state position) of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of Texas, so help me God.”

“I, (state name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.”

If a member is opposed, the words “so help me God” may be omitted.

102.4 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

State

The oath of office shall be filed as prescribed by law (Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 1).