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| Policy #**OATH OF OFFICE** | Related Policies: |
| *This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee’s civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third-party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis for internal discipline and/or criminal charges.* |
| Applicable State Statutes: Kentucky Constitution, Section 228; KRS 83A.180; KRS 62.010; KRS 62.020; KRS 62.040 |
| KACP Accreditation Standard: KACP 1.1 |
| Date Implemented: | Revision Date: May 1, 2025 |

1. **POLICY**

It is the policy of this agency that all sworn members shall take, and abide by, an oath of office. This oath includes, but is not limited to, the member’s pledge to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Kentucky, Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), and the ordinances of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government.

1. **PROCEDURE**
2. **Authorized to administer the oath of office under (KRS 62.020)**
	1. Any active, retired, or senior status justice or judge of the court of justice or active, retired, or senior status federal judge, with Kentucky jurisdiction;
	2. Any member of the General Assembly may administer an oath statewide; or
	3. Any county judge/executive, notary public, clerk of a court, or justice of the peace, within his or her district or county.
3. **Authorized to administer the oath of office under (KRS 83A.180)**

As a city of the home rule class, the official oath of any City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ police officer may be administered by the mayor or an individual authorized under KRS 62.020.

1. **Requirements of the oath of office**:
2. All police officers shall take the oath.
3. No officer shall enter upon the duties of his office until he takes the oath required of him by law.

City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Police Officer Oath of Office

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of this commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of police officer for the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to law; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of this present constitution, I have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this state, nor out of it, nor have I accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

I further solemnly swear that I will endeavor to the best of my ability to detect and prosecute all gamblers and others violating the laws against gaming.

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(Signature)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

(COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

I hereby certify that pursuant to the authority of KRS 62.020 or KRS 83A.180, I administered the above oath, and it was sworn to before me by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If Notary) My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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