

## Oath of Office

### 104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Officers of this Department are sworn to obey and uphold the laws of the United States and of the State of Washington, and observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Vancouver, and abide by the Code of Conduct and Ethics adopted by the Vancouver Police Department.

#### 104.1.1 OATH OF OFFICE

Upon employment, all sworn employees shall be required to affirm the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer.

All sworn employees shall comply with the oath of office and agency policies, including the duty to be truthful and honest in the conduct of official business.

#### 104.1.2 VANCOUVER POLICE OATH OF OFFICE

Each employee hired to function as a police officer will, prior to being commissioned, be required to take an oath of office to enforce the laws of the City of Vancouver, uphold the U.S. Constitution and Constitution of the State of Washington, and to abide by the Code of Ethics as adopted by the Department.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE:**

**I, (Officer's name), solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution and will obey the laws of the United States and of the State of Washington, that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Vancouver, that I will abide by the Code of Conduct and Ethics adopted by the Vancouver Police Department, and will faithfully discharge the duties of Police Officer for the City of Vancouver.**

The Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police will arrange for all newly hired police officers to take an oath of office and be sworn in prior to assuming their duties as commissioned officers. The Office of the Chief will maintain an oath of office record including the date, time, place, and administering official. The oath of office will be administered by the City Attorney or the City Attorney's designee.