



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and City Councilors

**FROM:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** November 4, 2013

**RE:** Consideration – Adoption of Resolution Awarding Gun and Badge to Retiree

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 31, 2013, Elizabeth City Police Sergeant Darrell L. Valentine retired from the City of Elizabeth City with 14 years of service. It has been customary in the past to award law enforcement retirees with their service weapons and badges in appreciation for their years of service in the field of law enforcement. In continuing with this protocol, City staff is requesting that Sergeant Darrell Valentine be allowed to keep his Elizabeth City Police Department badge and duty service weapon in recognition of his dedication and police service to the citizens of Elizabeth City.

**ANALYSIS:**

North Carolina General Statue 20-187.2 allows badges and service side arms to be awarded to law enforcement officers upon their retirement. NCGS 20-187.2(a) states:

*“Surviving spouses, or in the event such members die unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of members of North Carolina State, city and county law enforcement agencies killed in the line of duty or who are members of such agencies at the time of their deaths, and retiring members of such agencies shall receive upon request and at no cost to them, the badge worn or carried by such deceased or retiring members. The governing body of a law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, also award to a retiring member or surviving relative as provided therein, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon securing a permit as required by G.S. 14-402 et seq. or 14-409.1 et seq., or without such permit provided the weapon shall have been rendered incapable of being fired. Governing body shall mean for county and local alcohol beverage control officers, the county or local board of alcoholic control; for all other law-enforcement officers with jurisdiction limited to a municipality or town, the city or town council; for all other law-*

*enforcement officers with countywide jurisdiction, the board of county commissioners; for all State law-enforcement officers, the head of the department.”*

Sergeant Darrell Valentine has obtained a gun permit from his county of residence (Chowan County) and a copy of said permit has been provided. The serial number of Sergeant Valentine's weapon is HHR705; the model is a Glock 33.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

By motion, adopt the attached resolution awarding to retired Sergeant Darrell L. Valentine his service weapon and badge pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2.

**RESOLUTION  
AWARDING BADGE AND SERVICE SIDEARM  
TO RETIRING POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 20-187.2 provides that retiring members of municipal law enforcement agencies may receive, at the time of their retirement, the badge worn or carried by them during their service with the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 20-187.2 further provides that the governing body of the municipal law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, award to a retiring member the service sidearm of such retiring member; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Darrell L. Valentine served as a member of the Elizabeth City Police Department for a period of 14 years and retired from the Department on October 31, 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina that the badge and service weapon worn and/or carried by Sergeant Darrell L. Valentine be awarded to him on the occasion of his retirement.

**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

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Joseph W. Peel  
Mayor

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Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC  
City Clerk