



**Town of Whitestown
Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners**

Establishment and Membership:

The function and powers of the Town of Whitestown Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners (WBMPC) are governed by [Indiana Code 36-8-9-1](#).

The WBMPC shall consist of five (5) members ("Commissioner(s)"), each appointed by the Town Council. In order to qualify as a Commissioner, an appointee must be of good moral character and must be a legal resident of the Town. A police officer employed by the Town may not be appointed to the Board. Furthermore, not more than three (3) of the Commissioners may be of the same political party, so long as individuals who satisfy this requirement can be found to serve on the Board. The Town Council shall appoint one (1) member of the Town Council as ex officio members of the Board, and no more than one (1) Town Council member may serve on the Board at any given time. Any Commissioner who is also a member of the Town Council may continue to serve on the Board until the end of the Commissioners' term even if the Commissioner vacates his/her position on the Town Council.

Thereafter, the term of each Commissioner shall be for a period of three (3) years with the term of each Commissioner expiring on January 1 of the third year following its last expiration, such that Commissioners serve for staggered terms with the terms of not more than two (2) Commissioners expiring in any given year. Each Commissioner is subject to removal by the Town Council for any cause that the Town Council considers sufficient.

Each Commissioner that is not also a member of the Town Council shall give a bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), payable to the State and conditioned upon the faithful and honest discharge of his/her duties. The bond must be approved and paid by the Town Council.

The salary of the Commissioners shall be fixed by the Town Council and is payable monthly out of the treasury of the Town; provided, however, that a Commissioner who is also a member of the Town Council shall not receive compensation as a Commissioner.

Duties:

The Board constitutes the safety board of the Town for purposes of the suspension, demotion, or dismissal of any member of the Department. Proceedings for the suspension, demotion, or dismissal of any member of the Department shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by Indiana Code 36-8-3-4. The disciplinary provisions of Indiana Code 36-8-3-4.1 also apply to the safety board and the Police Chief.

The Board may make general and specific rules for the government and discipline of the Department and may make special and general orders to the Department through the Chief of Police, who is the executive head of the Department.