

MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 407

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose

This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of establishing rules and policies governing the qualifications and appointment and training of an undersheriff and deputies in the office of Sheriff-Coroner of the County of Mariposa, both for the present and for the future, to the end that the office of Sheriff-Coroner will be staffed, as soon as reasonably possible, by personnel who meet the basic standards for the selection and training of peace officers, established by the California Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, and who are qualified to discharge all duties of the combined offices of Sheriff and Coroner.

SECTION 2. Qualifications of Deputies

No person shall be eligible for appointment as a full-time or part-time deputy coroner or deputy sheriff of the County of Mariposa, either with or without compensation, unless such person meets all of the following requirements as to education, physical condition, age, residence, character, licenses, and such other qualifications as may be legally required under established policy of the Sheriff-Coroner or by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

A. Education. Graduation from high school, or the passing of a high school level U.S.A.F.I. or General Educational Development Test approved by the Board or the Sheriff.

1           B. Physical condition. Good health, with no disabling  
2 defects or conditions; weight proportioned to height; normal  
3 vision not worse than 20/40 correctable to 20/20; ability to  
4 pass a physical examination by a doctor to be designated by the  
5 County of Mariposa.

6           C. Age. Not less than eighteen nor more than thirty-  
7 five years of age at time of appointment; provided, however, that  
8 one who is over thirty-five years of age may be appointed by  
9 written permission of the Board of Supervisors if the Board finds  
10 that such person substantially meets the requirements of this  
11 section, or of any more strict policy of the Sheriff, or more  
12 strict requirements established by resolution of the Board, and  
13 is qualified by education, by mental and physical condition, and  
14 by experience, to discharge the duties to be required by reason  
15 of the appointment.

16           D. Residence. Residence in Mariposa County is required  
17 within a reasonable time after the appointment.

18           E. Character. Good moral character, with no criminal  
19 background or record. Fingerprinting and character investigation  
20 are required prior to appointment.

21           F. License. Possession of a valid California Driver's  
22 License at time of appointment is required.

23           SECTION 3. Qualifications of Under-Sheriff.

24           In addition to the qualifications required of deputies  
25 under Section 2 above, a person shall have the following quali-  
26 fications in order to be eligible for appointment as under-sheriff,  
27 to wit:

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1           A. Not less than five years of law enforcement exper-  
2 ience, including at least two years in a supervisory or adminis-  
3 trative position. Supplementary training in criminology on a  
4 college level may be substituted for one year of law enforcement  
5 experience.

6           B. Thorough knowledge of applicable civil and criminal  
7 law and procedure, accepted practices and procedures of police  
8 science and administration (including investigation, search and  
9 seizure of evidence, identification and modus operandi), and a  
10 working knowledge of the organization, function, responsibilities  
11 and procedures of the office of Sheriff-Coroner.

12           C. Demonstrated ability to analyze situations and adopt  
13 quick, effective, lawful and reasonably courses of action.

14           D. Ability to work harmoniously with other County,  
15 State and Federal agencies and departments.

16           E. Ability to assist the Sheriff-Coroner with all duties  
17 of the office, and to act for the Sheriff-Coroner in his absence.

18           SECTION 4. Applicability.

19           The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to a  
20 person summoned to serve on a posse comitatus.


21           SECTION 5. Additional Qualifications for appointment  
22           and Training of Deputies and Undersheriff.

23           Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board of  
24 Supervisors shall have the right to change the provisions herein-  
25 above provided, regarding the qualifications for appointment and  
26 the training of deputies and the undersheriff, by resolution duly  
27 adopted by majority vote and spread on the minutes of the Board.  
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Mariposa this 10th day of September, 1975,  
by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Dalton, Long, Moffitt, Richardson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
NOT VOTING: None

  
TOM R. RICHARDSON, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board