

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
RESOLUTION NO. 547

RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A JUVENILE
DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OF THE TOWN
OF SAN ANSELMO

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of San Anselmo has been, and is now, cognizant of the increase in juvenile delinquency and realizes the need for some intermediate agency to assist all other agencies interested in curbing the increasing number of juvenile offenders and,

WHEREAS, it appears that a juvenile division in the Department of Police in the Town of San Anselmo can and will establish a feeling of friendship and confidence between juveniles and the police officer and will materially assist in keeping juveniles out of corrective institutions, and that such juvenile division can and will be a liason between a juvenile offender and the agency that may best help him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby established and created in the Department of Police of the Town of San Anselmo a juvenile division thereof.
2. The juvenile division shall be composed of qualified personnel assigned by the Chief of Police to perform the duties of the juvenile division, and regular police officers assigned to such juvenile division duties shall perform the same in addition to their regular duties without additional compensation; provided, however, that when such juvenile division duties require overtime work, then in such event, the police officers shall receive the same hourly rate of overtime pay as is paid to other members of the Police Department.
3. The juvenile division is authorized and empowered to obtain the support of service clubs and businessmen in sponsoring sports of all kinds and establishing and maintaining club rooms and other recreational facilities.
4. The juvenile division shall have as its primary mission the curbing of juvenile delinquency through all such proper means as shall be effective to keep the juveniles from becoming involved as habitual offenders. The juvenile division will also serve as a screening station for all cases involving juvenile offenders who have not been referred to the juvenile court. The juvenile division shall carefully investigate each such case to determine the seriousness of the offenses, home and neighborhood environment and other factors contributing to the offense before any final decision in any given case is made. The juvenile division shall make every effort to counsel, guide and correct the juvenile offender before referring such

offender to the juvenile court. It is the intent hereof to properly keep as many juveniles from acquiring a juvenile record as is possible to do with patience and kindly work and counsel.

5. Police officers of the San Anselmo Police Department shall refer copies of all reports involving juveniles, either as the victim or the perpetrator and also of persons, places and conditions contributing to the delinquency, to the juvenile division for further investigation. Whenever an officer in the field is confronted with a major offense or a serious misdemeanor committed by or against a person under the age of 18 years and in his opinion a more detailed inquiry is necessary without delay, he shall promptly communicate that information to the juvenile division for immediate investigation. Records shall be kept of all juveniles referred to the juvenile division and recidivism shall be carefully noted. These records are hereby declared to be confidential and shall not be made available for public information.

6. The juvenile division of the San Anselmo Police Department is hereby declared to be of equal importance as any other service performed by the San Anselmo Police Department. It shall be the duty of the juvenile department to counsel and consult with parents, guardian, or other persons charged with the custody and control of the juvenile in matters pertaining to juvenile delinquency, with the objective that by such close cooperation juvenile violations will be greatly minimized and prevented.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 11 day of December, 1951, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: *Shewers - Caber -
O'Mara, Smith, Booth*

NOES: COUNCILMEN: *none*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: *none*

Mildred Seegmiller

City Clerk