



# MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Reginald Goodson, Interim City Manager  
James E. Avens, Jr., Interim Chief of Police

Date: December 6, 2024

Subject: Presentation - Award of Gun and Badge to Police Lieutenant Ervin Rodriguez for Retirement from Elizabeth City Police Department

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**BACKGROUND:**

Effective January 1, 2025, Police Lieutenant Ervin Rodriguez will retire from the Elizabeth City Police Department with 23 years of consecutive law enforcement service. In the past, it has been customary to award law enforcement retirees with their service weapons and badges in a show of appreciation for their years of service with the City of Elizabeth City.

**ANALYSIS:**

North Carolina General Statute 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."

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

By motion, adopt the attached resolution awarding Police Lieutenant Ervin Rodriguez his service weapon and badge in advance of his official retirement date from the ECPD of January 1, 2025.



**RESOLUTION #2024-12-01  
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**, Police Lieutenant Ervin Rodriguez served as a member of the Elizabeth City Police Department for a period of 23 years and will retire from the City of Elizabeth City on January 1, 2025.

**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 Police Lieutenant Ervin Rodriguez be awarded to him on the occasion of his retirement.

**ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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E. Kirk Rivers  
Mayor

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April Onley, NCCMC  
City Clerk