

Charges Filed with the Police Board

The following charges have been filed with the Police Board by the Superintendent of Police. The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence.

CHARGES AGAINST
POLICE OFFICER CLARA M. ORTIZ

Police Officer Clara M. Ortiz, Star Number 15995, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 25: Failure to actually reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Chicago.
- Rule 26: Failure to provide the Department with a current address and telephone number.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about July 15, 2013, Police Officer Clara M. Ortiz ("Officer Ortiz") signed a City of Chicago Department of Human Resources Employee Change of Address Form / Residency Affidavit stating her address as [REDACTED] N. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL, when she actually resided at [REDACTED] Grant Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois, and/or [REDACTED] Henrietta Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois, from in or about July 2013 to on or about July 15, 2017, or for some period of time therein. Officer Ortiz thereby:
 - a. Engaged in any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in violation of Rule 2; and/or
 - b. Made a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14; and/or
 - c. Failed to provide the Department with a current address and telephone number, in violation of Rule 26.
2. From at least in or about July 2013 through at least in or about September 2015, or for some period of time therein, Officer Ortiz resided at [REDACTED] Grant Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois. Officer Ortiz thereby:

- a. Violated any law or ordinance, to wit, Title 2, Chapter 152, Section 050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago (“Residence restrictions”), in violation of Rule 1; and/or
 - b. Engaged in any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in violation of Rule 2; and/or
 - c. Failed to actually reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Chicago, in violation of Rule 25.
3. From at least in or about September 2015 through at least on or about July 15, 2017, or for some period of time therein, Officer Ortiz resided at [REDACTED] Henrietta Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois. Officer Ortiz thereby:
- a. Violated any law or ordinance, to wit, Title 2, Chapter 152, Section 050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago (“Residence restrictions”), in violation of Rule 1; and/or
 - b. Engaged in any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in violation of Rule 2; and/or
 - c. Failed to actually reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Chicago, in violation of Rule 25.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Clara M. Ortiz, Star Number 15995, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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