



Paducah Police Department

Reasons for Applicant Disqualification



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Police officer applicants may be disqualified at any time during the selection process when it is determined that such applicant is not qualified or suitable for the job, pursuant to this policy and state and federal law.

The following criteria are designed to serve as guidelines to assist in determining disqualification. The criteria listed below in no way limit or bar the City from rejecting an applicant for any other reason that deems him/her as unqualified or unsuitable for employment. The criteria listed below are not applicable if a candidate was a juvenile at the time of occurrence. However, a consistent record of illegal behavior as a juvenile may disqualify a candidate if the behavior was within the last 10 years.

1. A candidate who has been convicted of or has entered an Alford plea to a felony will be found unsuitable for employment. A candidate who has been convicted or has entered an Alford plea to a Class A misdemeanor or two (2) or more Class B misdemeanors within the last 10 years will be found unsuitable for employment.
2. A candidate who has used or possessed any illegal drug while employed in any law enforcement or prosecutorial position, or while employed in a position that carries with it a high level of responsibility or public trust, will be found unsuitable for employment.
3. A candidate who is discovered to have misrepresented, falsified or made omissions pertaining to his/her drug history in completing all forms used in the application process will be found unsuitable for employment.
4. A candidate who has trafficked in any illegal drug at any time could be found unsuitable for employment. In these instances, each case will be evaluated individually for specifics and investigated extensively. Typically, any activity of this nature committed as a legal adult will disqualify an applicant from the hiring process.
5. A candidate who has been convicted of or entered an Alford plea to a charge of driving under the influence within the last five (5) years will be found unsuitable for employment. Additionally, any candidate who has been convicted of or entered an Alford plea to driving under the influence more than one time in his/her lifetime will be found unsuitable for employment.
6. A candidate with significant use of controlled substances, unless prescribed by a physician, or a history of regular drug use, unless rehabilitated.
7. A candidate who has a consistently unacceptable record in the operation of a motor vehicle (i.e. three or more at-fault collisions or three or more moving violations in the last five years) will be found unsuitable for employment. However, these incidents may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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8. A candidate who has not completed or cooperated with any one or more portions of the application process, or has not made himself/herself available for any one or more portions of the selections process, will be found unsuitable for employment.
9. A candidate who has falsified, misrepresented or withheld relevant or pertinent information during the application/selection process will be found unsuitable for employment.
10. A candidate who has demonstrated dishonesty in any one or more portions of the application/selection process will be found unsuitable for employment.
11. A candidate who has used or attempted to use bribery to secure advantage in selection or appointment will be found unsuitable for employment.
12. A candidate who has demonstrated moral turpitude or a lack of sobriety or integrity will be found unsuitable for employment.
13. A candidate must not be prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a handgun.
14. A candidate must not have had certification as a peace officer permanently revoked in another state.
15. A candidate who has shown repeated failures to meet obligations of indebtedness will be found to be unsuitable for employment. The frequency of bad debt, the amount of indebtedness and the candidate's history of attempting to pay the debt will factor into this disqualifier.
16. A candidate who has otherwise not met or has violated provisions of these rules, applicable law and/or applicable policy will be found unsuitable for employment.

Contact Captain Hodges at 270-444-8573 or joinppd@paducahky.gov if you have any questions about your eligibility.

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