



# Disciplinary Action Guidelines

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## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. Supervisory and administrative personnel have the authority to take whatever disciplinary actions that they deem necessary, provided that provisions on suspension, demotion, or dismissal are closely adhered to and that any action taken is not inconsistent with the provisions of these rules or departmental policies and regulations. Employees will be required to cooperate with administrative staff in any investigation involving problematic employee conduct.
- B. When information received by the supervisor indicates the possible need to administer a suspension, demotion, or dismissal, the supervisor will initiate such discipline by notifying the employee with a summary of the information. No sooner than twenty-four (24) hours after the employee has received notification the supervisor will meet with the employee involved, present the information that has come to the supervisor's attention, and give the employee an opportunity to admit or deny the charge or present written information regarding mitigating circumstances.
- C. It is not intended that this meeting constitute a formal hearing but only provide the employee notice of the charges and give the employee an opportunity to meet and exchange information with the supervisor. No other formal procedural requirements will be required for this meeting including employee representation, meeting recordation, or witness examination. If the employee wishes, the employee may submit a written explanatory statement to the supervisor which will be attached to and kept with a copy of any disciplinary action. The supervisor's determination of the action to be taken will be based upon the information obtained from circumstances of the case.
- D. When the supervisor authorizes a disciplinary action, official notification of such action will be provided to the employee in writing by the immediate supervisor or the person taking the disciplinary action, and a copy thereof will be provided to the affected department head and the City Manager. This notification will describe the specific reasons and circumstances surrounding the disciplinary action. The record of a written reprimand or more severe disciplinary action will be filed with the employee's personnel records. The City Manager may investigate and review any disciplinary action to assure compliance with the provisions of these rules. All decisions by the City Manager in Personnel Actions are final and not subject to employee review.