## **ORDINANCE #04-01**

## **ABUSING POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS:

Police are an integral part of our community and police intimidation is the use of violence, force, or threats upon any police officer, verbal or otherwise to revile, upbraid, vilify, or abuse any police officer by any person while such officer is in the discharge of his duty. Our police officers should not be subjected to this type of abuse and the following ordinance shall be enacted to enable the police chief to respond to these problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Pearl River in legal session convened that this ordinance shall be known, and constitute and may be referred to LA Model Municipal Criminal Code adopted September 25, 1984.

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person to revile, unbraid, vilify, or abuse any police officer of the Town of Pearl River while such officer is

in the discharge of his duty.

Section 2: Whoever violates this ordinance shall be subject to the same fine as

specified in our LA Model Criminal Code adopted September 25, 1984, Ordinance #74-07 Section 121-Disturbing the Peace, namely, not more than one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars or imprisoned for not

more than sixty (60) days or both.

This ordinance is to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen in lawful session convened on April 24, 2001 to become effective immediately upon adoption.

Voting: Alderman Pat Walsh
Alderman Richard Karchner
Alderman David McQueen
Alderwoman Patsy Ellis

Nays: 0

Absent: Alderwoman Theresa Zechenelly

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Elizabeth Allen, Town Clerk Town of Pearl Rliver

James Lavigne, Mayor Town of Pearl River

To be amended as Section 2: Whoever violates this ordinance shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and/or imprisoned not less than six days nor more than 60 days without benefit of suspension of sentence.