

ORDINANCE 2019-21

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE III, TITLED “DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED”, SECTION 2-11, TITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”, SUBSECTION 2-11.17, TITLED “POLICE CHAPLAIN”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO ALLOW FOR A POLICE CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, statutory authority provides that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham by Ordinance may create the appointment of one or more Chaplains to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it is in the best interest of the Township of Chatham to create the position of Police Chaplain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Article III, titled “Departments Established”, Section 2-11, titled “Police Department”, Subsection 2-11.17, titled “Police Chaplain” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham is hereby added as follows:

Subsection 2-11.17 Police Chaplain

- A. Position created. The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Chatham Police Department is hereby created in accordance with statutory authority. The position(s) will be a volunteer position. The position of Chaplain shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police.
- B. Qualifications. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. The chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Township of Chatham Police Department and shall be qualified in accordance with statutory requirements.
- C. Duties of Police Chaplain. The Duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the Township of Chatham Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments, and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- D. Rank and salary. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without rank or salary.
- E. Term of office. A person(s) appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of one year from the date of appointment and shall continue to serve in that capacity until he/she is either terminated or reappointed with the recommendation of the Chief of Police regarding the appointment of the Chaplain. The Mayor shall appoint the Chaplains in accordance with this section with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.

Section 2. If any Section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the Section,

paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Introduced: November 14, 2019

Adopted: December 12, 2019

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY: _____
Tayfun Selen, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk