

**TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON  
ORDINANCE 20-23**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE IX OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY," SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 provides that the governing body of the Township of Jackson by Ordinance may provide for 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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the governing body of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township Code of the Township of Jackson is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend and supplement Article IX entitled, "Department of Public Safety," of Chapter 3, entitled "Administrative Code," so as to create §3-106.1, entitled "Appointment of Police Chaplains," so as to read in its entirety as follows:

**§3-106.1. Appointment of Police Chaplains.**

- A. POSITION CREATED.** The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Jackson Police Department is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. Said position is volunteer and under the direction of the Chief of Police.
- B. QUALIFICATIONS.** Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained member of the clergy in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. All Chaplains must reside within the Township of Jackson. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The Chief of Police may recommend potential candidates to the Mayor and may perform any criminal background check the Chief deems appropriate prior to their appointment.
- C. DUTIES OF POLICE CHAPLAIN.** The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Township of Jackson 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 appointed as Chaplain shall serve as an at-will volunteer for a period of up to three years from the date of appointment and may be removed by the Mayor at any time.

**F. APPOINTMENT.** The Mayor shall appoint Chaplains in accordance with this Ordinance with the advice and consent of the Township Council.

**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.

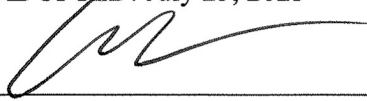
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MAYOR MICHAEL REINA

INTRODUCED: July 11, 2023

ADOPTED: July 25, 2023

ATTEST:

  
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MARY MOSS, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK