

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION", ARTICLE XIV ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF POLICE", SECTION 4-84 D, (COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE FORCE) MODIFYING THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the present Department of Police Ordinance Section 4-84 D (1), entitled "Composition and Organization of the Police Force" provides that the Police Department shall consist of one Chief of Police; two Captains; six Lieutenants; ten Sergeants; one ID Officer; five Detectives and 52 police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended 12 additional police offices; and

WHEREAS, the Council has recommended to the Administration that a consultant specializing in police force man power be retained to perform a study and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council as to the number of police officers to be retained by the Township at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide additional police while waiting for the information from the consultant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, entitled "Administrative Organization", Section 4-84 D 1. is amended as follows:

ALL NEW LANGUAGE IS IN BOLDFACE AND UNDERLINED:

SECTION 1

The Police Department shall consist of one Chief of Police; two Captains; six Lieutenants; 10 Sergeants; one ID Officer; five Detectives; and **54** police officers, two of whom shall be School Resource Officers. The Police Department may also elect to employ two sworn officers in addition to the aforementioned **54** police officers for the purposes of development and training and may retain said officers for a period of 90 days after the conclusion of the course of training as designated by the department. In no event shall the number of active police officers exceed **54**. With the exception of the Chief of Police position, all such subordinate appointments shall be made by the Director of the Department of Police (Chief of Police) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-

43 (d). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10, the Police Department may also employ three Class III Officers for school safety purposes. The Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to be hired by the Township shall meet all the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10. The Director of the Department of Police, with the approval of the Mayor, may, from time to time, leave one or more of the above positions vacant, as he sees fit. The express purpose for naming these offices is to establish a statutory line of authority from all police employees to a higher elected authority. No personnel may be appointed to the Township of Bridgewater Police Department until they have satisfied all statutory requirements and have complied with the selection process and standards established by the rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Police to govern the Police Department, this article (§§ 4-82 to 4-84) and the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-118 to 130). The Chief of Police shall not only have authority over police officials within the Department but also over all administrative and civilian employees of the Department as well.

SECTION II

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency by specific action of the Township Council.

SECTION IV

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Adopted: February 21, 2019
Effective: March 13, 2019