

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF EDGEWATER ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"**

WHEREAS, there exists a desire and need to add the position of Deputy Chief of Police and to increase the number of Lieutenants in the Edgewater Police Department; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater, Bergen County, as follows:

Section I.

Article I Organization, Section 81-1 Composition of Department, paragraph A shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Police Department of the Borough of Edgewater shall consist of: one Chief of Police; one Deputy Chief of Police; one Captain; four Lieutenants; six Sergeants; and thirty-five patrol officers, and such other civilian employees as needed to preserve the public peace and enforce all of the laws of the United States, the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Edgewater. As set forth in Paragraph B of this Section, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Edgewater may, from time to time, leave one or more of the above positions vacant as they see fit. Whenever such office is left vacant, it will be deemed as not to exist and will be bypassed through the chain of command."

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 81-4 shall be further amended to read as follows:

Powers and Duties of Deputy Chief of Police and Captain.

The Deputy Chief of Police shall be second in command in the Department and the Captain shall be third in command. The Deputy Chief of Police shall, in the absence of the Chief of Police, temporarily or otherwise, perform all the duties of the Chief of Police, subject to the limitations of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118. When the Chief of Police is on duty, the Deputy Chief of Police and/or Captain shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him by the Chief of Police, or in the case of the Captain, the Deputy Chief of Police. In addition, the Deputy Chief of Police and Captain shall perform all duties as set forth in the job description as identified in the New Jersey Department of Personnel Job Specifications.

Section II. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section III. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

Section IV. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced: September 18, 2023

Adopted: October 16, 2023

ATTEST:

Michael J. McPartland
Mayor

Annamarie O'Connor – RMC
Borough Clerk