

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE OF LEHIGH TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING THE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION
PLAN.

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of this Municipality and in the maintenance of good government that a pension program be maintained to provide for the retirement of certain municipal employees and

WHEREAS, this Police Pension Plan may be required from time to time to remain in compliance with the law and statutes of the United States Government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, the Pension Ordinances governing the pension plans need to consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, as follows:

Section 1. The following section of Ordinance 2015-7 and Ordinance 2022-5 shall be deleted in their entirety and read as follows:

A. SECTION V: NORMAL RETIREMENT

1. The benefits from the Fund shall be payable to Members who have served in the Township in a full-time capacity and who attain their Normal Retirement Date. Normal Retirement Date shall mean the first of the month coincident with or next following the attainment of the fifty-fourth (54th) birthday and the completion of twenty-five (25) years of aggregate service. Benefits commence on the first day of the month coincident with or next following actual retirement.
2. The Normal retirement age for full-time sworn police officers who were/are employed by the Township on January 1, 2021 shall be when a member reaches his or her fifty-third (53rd) birthday and the completion of twenty-five (25) years of aggregate service. Effective January 1, 2025 the Normal Retirement Age for all full-time sworn police officers employed by the Township, including any officer employed on January 1, 2021, shall revert back to and be increased to 54-years of age (with 25 years of service as stated in paragraph A.1. Benefits commence on the first day of the month coincident with or next following actual retirement.

Section 2 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the adoption of the same by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3, Severability

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not effect or impact any other remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 4: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 12th day of March, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Attest:



Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary



Michael Jones, Chairman