TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE ("POLICE DEPARTMENT - QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT")

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel Police Department ("Police Department") works to provide all who live, work, or visit the community a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel ("Township") participates in New Jersey's Civil Service system, therefore subjecting the Township to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission requires that to qualify for exemption from the examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position, entry level sheriff officer position, or entry-level State or county correctional police officer position a person must successfully complete a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course or a full Basic Course for Correction Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer under the provisions of C.11A:4.1.3.; and

WHEREAS, § 43-2 does not specify a timeframe for an entry-level law enforcement officer to complete a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course in order to be exempt from the requirement of an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to remain compliant with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Civil Service Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Chapter 43, Article 1, Section 43-2 is specifically hereby amended to read as follows:

AMENDMENT. Chapter 43, Article 1, Section 43-2 is hereby amended to delete subsection G in its entirety and replace with the following:

G. In addition to the foregoing requirements, and all other state and local regulations concerning the hiring of an entry-level law enforcement officer, the Township of Mount Laurel Police Department may hire a person, who is exempt from the requirement to take an examination administered by the Civil Services Commission for an entry-level law enforcement position and who has successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

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

Introduction Date: January 2, 2023

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED
Cohen		✓				
Janjua	1	✓				
Moustakas		✓				
Pritchett	2	✓				
Steglik		✓				

Publication Date: January 10, 2023

Public Hearing Date: February 6, 2023

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BY: Stephen Steglik

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST: Meredith Riculfy

Meredith Riculfy, Township Clerk

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