

**BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
ORDINANCE 04-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG ENTITLED
“ADMINISTRATION” TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF
ENTRY-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALTERNATE ROUTE PROGRAM IN
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 AND N.J.S.A. 52:17B-69.1**

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022, Governor Phil Murphy signed and thereby enacted, P.L.2021, c.406, amending N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 of the New Jersey Statutes relaxing the requirement to take a competitive examination for entry-level law enforcement positions; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of P.L.2021, c.406, (N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3) exempts the New Jersey Civil Service Commission examination for entry-level law enforcement officers if the officer successfully completes a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission within nine months from the date of hire; and

WHEREAS, P.L.2021, c.406, (N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3) authorized municipalities to adopt an ordinance allowing a local police department to hire entry-level law enforcement officer without taking the Civil Service Commission examination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances, regulations, rules, and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state, or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle or by any law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg desires to amend Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” to authorize hiring entry-level law enforcement officers under N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2 of the Borough Code entitled “Administration” is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-19.2 of the Borough Code entitled “Appointment” is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

§ 2-19.2. Appointment.

All members of the Police Department shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to hold office as provided by law. Appointments of qualified candidates may be made as follows:

- (a) appointment from an eligible list of qualified candidates supplied by the Civil Service Commission in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations;
- (b) appointment pursuant to and in accordance with the Civil Service Commission's Intergovernmental Transfer Program ("ITP") and ITP requirements;
- (c) appointment of an entry-level law enforcement officer pursuant to the State of New Jersey Alternate Route Program in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 52:17B-69.1; or
- (d) Such other method or manner provided for by law.

SECTION 2.

Section 2-19.6 of the Borough Code entitled "Qualifications" is hereby renamed as follows:

§ 2-19.6. Qualifications and Eligibility Requirements.

SECTION 3.

Section 2-19.6, to be renamed as set forth in Section 2 above, is hereby amended to add new Section 2-19.6(c) as follows:

§ 2-19.6. Qualifications and Eligibility Requirements.

- (c) Alternate Route Program
 - (1) The Alternate Route Program is a discretionary program that authorizes the Borough to hire individuals who have successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission ("BCPO"). Individuals who are enrolled in or who have successfully completed the academy portion of the Alternate Route Program will be eligible to apply for an entry-level position within the Borough Police Department.
 - (2) Appointments of entry-level law enforcement officers may, at the sole discretion of the appointing authority, be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:17B-69.1 and N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3, which authorizes the appointment of entry level law enforcement officers who have not taken an entry-level law enforcement officer position examination offered by the Civil Service Commission, but who successfully complete a full BCPO training course at a school approved and authorized by the State New Jersey Police Training Commission.

- (3) All applicants for appointment must still complete all other pre-employment requirements including but not limited to a physical and psychological examination.

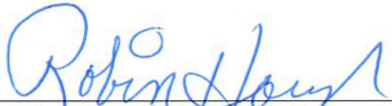
SECTION 4. All other provisions unaffected by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

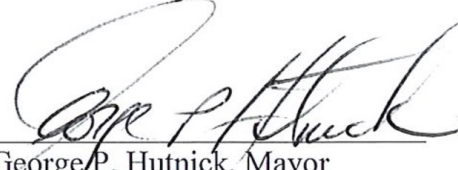
SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or a portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective after second reading and publication as required by law.

Attest:



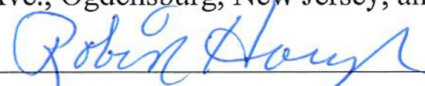
Robin Hough, Borough Clerk



George P. Hutnick, Mayor

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg on February 12, 2024, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to be held on February 26, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 14 Highland Ave., Ogdensburg, New Jersey, and shall take effect according to law.



Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

Roll call vote for Introduction of Ordinance 04-2024

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Alvarez	✓			
Councilman Ciasullo	✓			
Councilwoman Cowdrick				✓
Councilman DeMeo	✓			
Councilman Poyer	✓			
Councilwoman Ruitenberg	✓			
Mayor Hutnick (Tie Only)				

Roll call vote for Adoption of Ordinance 04-2024

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Alvarez	✓			
Councilman Ciasullo	✓			
Councilwoman Cowdrick	✓			
Councilman DeMeo	✓			
Councilman Poyer	✓			
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Mayor Hutnick (Tie Only)				

**BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 04-2024**

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NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Building on the 12TH day of February, 2024, and the same came up for final passage at a meeting of the said Borough Council on the 26th day of February, 2024, at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the borough according to law by order to the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey.



Robin Hough, RMC/CMR