

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 3988

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, OF
THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD,
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT,
AT SECTION 3-43 POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood:

Section 1. Chapter 3, Administration of Government, of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood is hereby amended as follows:

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Chapter 3, Section 3-43, "Police Department"

- A.** Creation; Chief of Police. There shall be a Police Department in the Village of Ridgewood as an executive and enforcement function of the Village. The head of the Department shall be the Chief of Police.
- B.** Police force composition and organization. The police force shall exist in a manner consistent with the Council-Manager form of government as provided in the Faulkner Act (N.J.S.A. 40:69A-81 et seq.). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, the Village Manager is hereby designated as the "appropriate authority." The appropriate authority is hereby authorized and directed to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the government of the police force and for the discipline of its members.
- C.** Police Chief functions. The Chief of Police shall be the head of the police force and directly responsible to the appropriate authority for the efficiency and routine day-to-day operations thereof. The Chief shall, subject to the policies established by the appropriate authority:
- (1)** Administer and enforce rules and regulations and special emergency directives for the disposition and discipline of the force and its officers and personnel.
 - (2)** Have, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and duties of the force.
 - (3)** Prescribe the duties and assignments of all subordinates and other personnel.
 - (4)** Delegate such of his authority as he may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the force to be exercised under his direction and supervision.
 - (5)** Report at least monthly to the appropriate authority in such form as shall be prescribed by such authority on the operation of the force during the preceding month, and make such other reports as may be requested by such authority.

D. Personnel. The Ridgewood Police Department shall consist of the following positions: In addition to the Police Chief, there shall be not more than two Captains, not more than four Lieutenants, not more than five Sergeants and as many officers/detectives as may be authorized from time to time by or pursuant to ordinance, with strong consideration given to at least one officer/detective to be assigned as a "School Resource Officer" whose duties would be established by the Police Chief in consultation with the Village Manager and Superintendent of the Ridgewood Public Schools. In the event that there exists a vacancy in the position of Lieutenant which cannot be promptly filled and where such vacancy significantly impacts the operations of the Police Department and/or the cost of maintaining adequate staffing, the number of Sergeants may be temporarily increased to not more than six Sergeants until such time as the vacancy in the Lieutenant's position is filled, in order to minimize the impact upon the operations and financial cost to the Police Department. Upon the filling of such vacancy in the position of Lieutenant, there shall not be more than five Sergeants. The Police Chief and the Village Manager shall confer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118(e) and no less frequently than annually, the Village Manager shall report to the Village Council regarding those discussions and any recommendations for additional or subtractive Police Department staff or rank needs.

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Section 2: Except as herein amended and supplemented, Chapter 3, of The Code of the Village of Ridgewood, remains in full force and effect.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Perron, Reynolds, Weitz, Winograd
and Mayor Vagianos

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

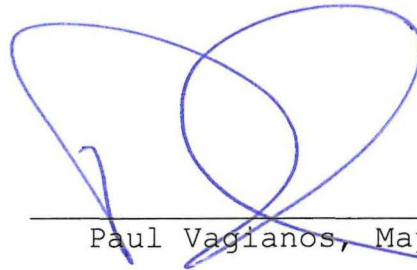
ABSTAIN: NONE

RECUSE: NONE

Introduction Date: January 17, 2024

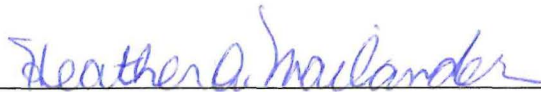
Adoption Date: February 14, 2024

Effective Date: March 5, 2024



Paul Vagianos, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander
Village Clerk