

WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

O-2024-17

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 51, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE 1, ORGANIZATION; MEMBERS OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

WHEREAS, Chapter 51, Police Department, of the Township Code governs the Township of West Deptford's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to express their gratitude to retired Township Police Officers for their dedication and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has decided to award Township Police Officers their service weapon upon retirement, in good standing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter 51, Police Department, Article 1, Organization; Members of the Code Book of the Township of West Deptford shall be, and hereby is amended by adding the following new subsection "8" entitled "Award of Service Weapon to Retired Police Officers" to read as follows:

§ 51-8. Award of Service Weapon to Retired Policer Officers.

A. The Township shall award to eligible retired Township Police Officers their service weapon in accordance with applicable State law and the terms of this section.

B. Definitions.

1. "Service weapon" means the sidearm issued to the retiring Township Police Officer and carried by said officer during the officer's tenure with the Department. For purposes of this section, the service weapon to be presented will be the particular model firearm actually carried by the officer at the time of the officer's separation from office.

C. Eligibility.

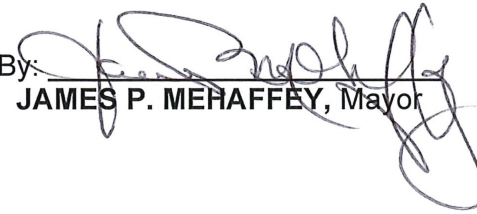
1. The Police Officer must retire from the West Deptford Township Police Department in good standing.
2. The Police Officer must retire with at least 20 years of service with West Deptford Township Police Department.
3. The Police Officer must obtain a firearm permit before the Police Department will award the service weapon. Such firearm permit must be obtained within 6 months of the officer's retirement from the Township to be eligible to receive the service weapon.

4. The West Deptford Police Department will not award the service weapon to a Police Officer, if at the time of retirement, the officer is ineligible for any reason from possessing and/or carrying a firearm under applicable State law.


D. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By: 
JAMES P. MEHAFFEY, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill Magill, Deputy Clerk

INTRODUCED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on July 17, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ashely Morrell	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
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ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on August 21, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ashley Morrell				✓
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
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