

ORDINANCE NO. O-23-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-8.4b
REGARDING THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE
WEST LONG BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, since the composition of the West Long Branch Police Department has changed since the ordinances were last amended and require further changes to clarify the chain of command in the absence of the Chief of Police;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch as follows:

SECTION I

ORDINANCE 2-8.4b is amended to read as follows:

“The senior ranking officer by tenure in rank to the Police Chief Captain is the Executive Officer second in control to the Chief of Police, shall perform all duties as assigned by the Chief of Police, and, is, in the absence of the Chief of Police, but subject to the direction of the Chief of Police, the departmental authority in all matters of police, operation and discipline, and, is responsible for the planning, directing, coordinating, controlling, and staffing of all activities of the department. In the event the Chief of Police is no longer serving, either because of illness, intended to be of a permanent nature, retirement, or death, the senior ranking officer by tenure in rank to the Police Chief shall serve in the place of the Chief of Police and, until such time as an appointment is made to the position of Chief of Police, shall serve as Acting Chief of Police.”

SECTION II.

Ordinance 2-8.4c shall be amended as follows:

“The senior Lieutenant, by time in rank shall be the next junior rank to The Chief of Police or Captain, in the event there shall be a Captain, and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chief of Police, Acting Chief of Police, should such an appointment have been made, or Captain of Police, if there shall be a Captain of Police, and shall be responsible for assisting in the planning, directing, coordinating, and controlling, of assigned activities within the Department.”

SECTION III.

All references to the Captain of Police in Ordinances 2-8.4d,e,f and g to Captain of Police shall, in the absence of there being a Captain of Police, refer to the Acting Chief of Police, should such an appointment had been made, and in the absence of the Chief of Police or any Acting Chief of Police, to the senior Lieutenant by time in rank.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

[Underlined language is new. Language that has been crossed out has been removed.]

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