

ORDINANCE #984

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE OCEANPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:14-141 provides that the governing body of the Borough of Oceanport by Ordinance may provide for the appointment of one or more Chaplains to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the Borough of Oceanport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport the following:

1. **POSITION CREATED.** The position of Police Chaplain for the Borough of Oceanport Police Department is hereby created in accordance with 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The position of Chaplain shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police.
2. **QUALIFICATIONS.** Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Borough of Oceanport Police Department and shall be qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.
3. **DUTIES OF POLICE CHAPLAIN.** The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Borough of Oceanport Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
4. **RANK AND SALARY.** Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without Rank or Salary.
5. **APPOINTMENT.** The Chief of Police shall recommend to the Mayor persons that he/she believes meet the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 as well as the rules and regulations of the Borough of Oceanport Police Department with reference to Chaplains, if any. All applicants for the position of Chaplain shall be reviewed by the Borough Administrator and Chief of Police to determine his/her qualifications in accordance with this Ordinance and shall make recommendations to the Mayor regarding the appointment as Chaplain. The Mayor shall appoint Chaplains in accordance with this Ordinance with the advice and consent of the Borough Council.
6. **TERM OF OFFICE.** A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a term of one year to expire on December 31 next succeeding the date of appointment or until their successors are appointed and qualified with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING

DATED: January 18, 2018

JEANNE SMITH

Clerk of the Borough of Oceanport

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: February 15, 2018

JEANNE SMITH

Clerk of the Borough of Oceanport

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

JOHN F. COFFEY, II
Mayor