

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2021-09

Title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ENACTING ARTICLE IV IN ORDER TO ESTABLISHING A POLICE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM FOR THE LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141, the governing body of any municipality may enact an Ordinance providing for the appointment of one or more chaplains to the police department to assist during responses to various crises or times of need in order to provide quality, faith-based services to the community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department and the general public by providing emotional, social and/or spiritual and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lower Council finds that it in the best interest of the Township and its residents to create the position of Police Chaplain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 90, Article IV, Police Chaplain, is hereby enacted as follows:

90-23 Position Created

The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Lower 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 Director and control of the Chief of Police.

90-24 Qualifications

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. All Chaplains shall be subject to the residency requirements of the Code of the Township of Lower. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Township of Lower Police Department and shall be qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.

90-25 Duties of Police Chaplain

The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Lower Township Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.

90-26 Rank and Salary

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without Rank or Salary.

90-27 Term of Office

A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of one (1) year from date of appointment and shall continue to serve in that capacity until he/she is either terminated or reappointed with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

90-28 Appointment

The Chief of Police may 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 Township of Lower Police Department with reference to Chaplains, if any. All applicants for the position of Chaplain shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police, Senior Police Chaplain and Chaplain liaison 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 Township Council.

Section 2. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 3. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

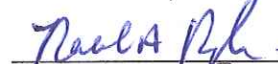
Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage and publication according to law.



Thomas Conrad, Councilmember



Kevin Coombs, Councilmember



Roland Roy, Jr., Councilmember



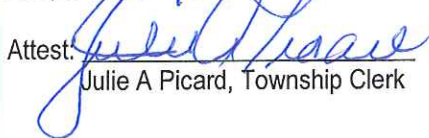
David Perry, Deputy Mayor



Frank Sippel, Mayor

First Reading: April 5, 2001

Adopted: May 3, 2001

Attest: 
Julie A Picard, Township Clerk