

65. **AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD AT THE PLAINFIELD
TOWN HALL,
ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1981, AT 7:30 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED:
ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS IN THE TOWN OF
PLAINFIELD, AN ITERIM BOARD OF POLICE
COMMISSIONERS, WHICH ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOTH THE BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE INTERIM BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE
BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD.**

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"BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Plainfield at a duly warned Town Meeting:

Section A. Establishment of Town of Plainfield Board of Police Commissioners:

Pursuant to Section 7-274 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, there is established the Town of Plainfield Board of Police Commissioners to be elected in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph F below and said Town of Plainfield Board of Police Commissioners is hereby empowered to organize and maintain a police department in the Town of Plainfield. The Board of Police Commissioners shall consist of five electors, all of whom shall be resident taxpayers of the Town of Plainfield. Such Commissioners shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties and shall serve without compensation, but their actual expenses and disbursements incurred in the performance of their duties shall be paid from the town treasury.

Section B. Meeting of Board of Police Commissioners. Vacancies

Pursuant to Section 7-275 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, the Board of Police Commissioners shall elect one of its number to be chairman and one member to be clerk and shall hold regular meetings and keep records of the same. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the chairman or of a majority of the members of the board. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. In the event of any vacancy upon the board, the Board of Selectmen shall have authority by majority vote to fill such vacancy until the next town election, at which election a member shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section C. Powers of Board of Police Commissioners.

Pursuant to Section 7-276 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Plainfield Board of Police Commissioners shall have all of the powers given by the general statutes to the Board of

Police Commissioners, shall have general management and supervision of the police department of such Town and of the property and equipment used in connection therewith, shall make all needful regulation for the government thereof not contrary to law and may prescribe suitable penalties for the violation of any such regulation, including suspension or removal from office of any officer or member of such police department. Such board shall have the sole power of appointment, promotion and removal of the officers and members of such police department, under such regulations as it adopts for the purpose, and such appointees shall hold office during good behavior and until removed for cause upon written charges and after hearing. The members of such police department shall have all such authority with respect to the service of criminal process and the enforcement of criminal laws as is vested by the general statutes in police officers and constables.

Section D. Expenses of Police Department to be paid by the Town of Plainfield.

Pursuant to Section 7-277 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the expenses, salaries and all costs of maintenance and equipment for the Town of Plainfield Police Department shall be paid by the Town of Plainfield in the same manner as other expenses of the town government.

Section E. Establishment of Interim Board of Police Commissioners.

Pursuant to Section 7-274 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, there is established the Town of Plainfield Interim Board of Police Commissioners to be appointed by the Town of Plainfield Board of Selectmen and said Town of Plainfield Interim Board of Police Commissioners is hereby empowered with all the powers, authority, duties and obligations specified in Paragraphs A, B and C above. The Interim Board of Police Commissioners shall consist of seven electors all of whom shall be resident taxpayers of the Town of Plainfield, shall be appointed upon the written recommendation of the Town of Plainfield Police Committee established by the Board of Selectmen on March 7, 1981 and shall serve as Police Commissioners from the effective date of this Ordinance and their appointment until the Commissioners elected pursuant to Paragraph F below on November 3, 1981 are duly qualified and sworn in to serve as Police Commissioners.

Section F. Election of Five-Member Board of Police Commissioners.

Pursuant to Section 9-201 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town of Plainfield, at its next regular municipal election on November 3, 1981, shall elect two members of the Board of Police Commissioners to serve for a term of two years and three for four years. At such election thereafter, a member shall be elected for a term of four years to succeed each member whose term has expired. Each member of the Board of Police Commissioners shall serve for the term for which said member is elected and until said member's successor is elected and has qualified.

Section G. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after passage by the Special Town Meeting and publication of said passage as provided by the Connecticut General Statutes.

Signed: PATRICIAL CARROLL
Town Clerk of Plainfield