

**WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE 2020-12**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD BY ADDING A NEW SECTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE TOWNSHP OF WEST DEPTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Police Chaplain program is to provide support for law enforcement officials and civilians who are stressed in either a social or an emotional way; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of the Police Chaplains is to provide appropriate assistance, advice, comfort, counsel and referrals to those in need who request such support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds the establishment of and the appointment of Chaplains to the West Deptford Police Department to be in the best interests of the Township of West Deptford.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that there is hereby added a new section to Chapter 51, Police Department, to be entitled "Police Chaplains" and to read as follows:

**Section 1. Position Created:**

The position of Police Chaplain for the West Deptford Police Department is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The position of Chaplain shall be under the authority of the Chief of Police.

**Section 2. Qualifications:**

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergy person 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 General Order of the West Deptford Police Department.

**Section 3. Duties:**

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

**Section 4. Rank and Salary:**

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity as a volunteer without rank or salary.

**Section 5. Term of Office:**

A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve on a yearly basis and may be re-appointed if recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the appropriate authority.

**Section 6. Appointment:**

The Chief of Police may recommend to the appropriate authority, persons, that he/she believes meet the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 as well as General Orders of the West Deptford Township Police Department with reference to Chaplains. All applicants for the position of Chaplain shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police, Police Chaplain-Director and Chaplain Liaison Officer to determine his/her qualifications in accordance with this article and shall make recommendations to the appropriate authority regarding the appointment as Chaplain. The appropriate authority shall appoint Chaplains in accordance with this article.

**Section 7. Severability:**

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD



DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:



LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on August 19, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo				✓
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
<b>TALLY:</b>	4			1

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on September 2, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
<b>TALLY:</b>	5			