



ORDINANCE 1732

Special Law Enforcement Officers

Chapter 2.40.150 Special law enforcement officers (special police officers).

- A. Upon recommendation from the Chief of Police, the Borough Council may appoint special law enforcement officers for terms not exceeding one year and may revoke such appointments without cause or hearing unless the appointment is for four months or less, in which event the appointment may be revoked without cause or hearing.
- B. Special law enforcement officers shall carry out their duties and responsibilities under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police and their powers, rights and duties shall be specifically defined by the Chief of Police. The powers, rights and duties shall immediately cease at the expiration of the term for which they were appointed or upon revocation of their appointment. Special law enforcement officers shall not carry handguns or other weapons at any time except as otherwise directed by the Chief of Police. The resolution approving appointment of special law enforcement officers shall designate the rate of pay, if any.
- C. No person may be appointed as a special law enforcement officer unless the person:
 - 1. Is legally permitted to work in the United States;
 - 2. Is a resident of the State of New Jersey during the term of appointment;
 - 3. Is able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent;
 - 4. Is sound in body and of good health;
 - 5. Is of good moral and ethical character;
 - 6. Has not been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or which would make him/her unfit to perform the duties of his/her office;
 - 7. Has successfully undergone the same psychological testing that is required of all full-time police officers of the Borough of Glen Ridge.
 - 8. Is not during the time of appointment serving as a full-time police officer or as a special law enforcement officer in any other municipality.
- D. Every applicant for the position of special law enforcement officer appointed pursuant to this section shall have fingerprints taken, which fingerprints shall be filed with the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- E. Before any special law enforcement officer is appointed, the Chief of Police shall ascertain the eligibility and qualifications of the applicant and report these determinations in writing to the Borough Council.
- F. No person shall be permitted to commence his/her duties as a special law enforcement officer unless he/she has successfully completed a training course approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission and received an appropriate certificate thereof, unless he/she is otherwise eligible and authorized to serve as a special law enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.11.
- G. At the time of appointment, each special law enforcement officer shall be designated as a Class II officer, which shall possess the duties, powers, and authority of regular police officers while on duty with the Glen Ridge Police Department:
- H. All special law enforcement officers shall be under the supervision and direction of the Chief of Police and shall perform their duties only in the Borough of Glen Ridge.
- I. All special law enforcement officers shall comply with the rules and regulations applicable to the conduct and decorum of the permanent, regularly appointed police officers, as well as any rules and regulations applicable to the conduct and decorum of special law enforcement officers.
- J. All special law enforcement officers may be assigned only to assist the Glen Ridge Police Department and may not be assigned to replace or substitute for full-time regular police officers or in any way diminish the number of full-time officers.
- K. The weekly hours assigned to special law enforcement officers shall not exceed the limitations set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.16.

Section 2: Repealer

Any and all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent, provided, however, that the adoption of this Ordinance shall not prevent or bar the continuance or institution of any proceedings for offenses heretofore committed in violation of any existing ordinance of the Borough.

Section 3: Effective Date; Effect on Prior Actions.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Ordinance Introduction: Monday, June 22, 2020

Ordinance Adoption: Monday, July 13, 2020

ATTEST:

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