

Ordinance 2022-13
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46, Police Department, Article II Establishment and Organization

WHEREAS, the Lindenwold Police Department is in the process of achieving Accreditation from the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General’s Office for the State of New Jersey continues to impose mandates, regulations, and guidelines by which the Lindenwold Police Department operates, and

WHEREAS, in order to operate in the most efficient manner in meeting these requirements a review of Chapter 46 outlining the Police Department was conducted, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 46, Article II, be amended as following:

§ 46-5 Department created; membership.

There is hereby created in and for the Borough of Lindenwold a Police Department which, shall consist of no more than a Chief of Police, one Deputy Chief of Police, one Captain, two Lieutenants, eight Sergeants and thirty Patrolmen positions. In addition to these listed positions, there may also be a need to hire Special Law Enforcement Officers as recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Council of the Borough of Lindenwold.

§ 46-7 Appropriate authority designation; responsibilities.

The Mayor shall be designated as the appropriate authority as provided in the New Jersey Statutes. The appropriate authority shall be responsible for the overall performance of the Police Department. The appropriate authority shall be responsible to promulgate rules and regulations for the government of the Police Department and for the discipline of its members. The appropriate authority may delegate discipline of Police Department members to the Chief of Police.

§ 46-8 Chief of Police; responsibilities.

The Chief of Police shall be the head of the Police Department and shall be directly responsible to the appropriate authority for its efficiency and day-to-day operations. Pursuant to policies established by the Borough of Lindenwold Mayor and Council, the Chief of Police shall:

- A. Administer and enforce the rules and regulations of the Police Department and any special emergency directive for the disposition and discipline of the Department and its members and officers;
- B. Have, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and duties of the Police Department;
- C. Prescribe the duties and assignments of all members and officers;
- D. Delegate such authority as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Police Department to be exercised under the Chief's direction and control; and
- E. Report at least monthly to the appropriate authority in such form as shall be prescribed on the operation of the Police Department during the preceding month and make such other reports as may be requested by the appropriate authority.

§ 46-9 Suspension; reduction in rank; removal

No member or officer of the Police Department shall be suspended, removed, fined, or reduced in rank for any cause other than incapacity, misconduct, disobedience, or any other violation and/or infraction of the New Jersey Statutes and/or Borough of Lindenwold Police Department’s Rules and Regulations.

§ 46-10 Qualifications for appointment to Department

No person shall be appointed to the Police Department who is not qualified as provided in the New Jersey Statutes and/or the Borough of Lindenwold Police Policies, Rules and Regulations. The appropriate authority or Chief of Police may also require that an applicant for appointment to the Police Department successfully complete a physical, mental, and/or psychological examination.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 46, Article II, be amended as referenced above

This ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and publication according to law.

INTRODUCED: July 13, 2022

ADOPTED: August 10, 2022

Richard E. Roach, Jr.
Mayor

Deborah C. Jackson
Borough Clerk