

**ORDINANCE NO. 7-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18, "POLICE DEPARTMENT," OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972" WITH THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REPEAL OF SECTION 18-7 "QUALIFICATIONS."**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 18-6 of the Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Morris Plains, New Jersey, 1972, all members of the Borough Police Department shall be appointed by the Borough Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 18-5 of the aforesaid Ordinances, the Borough Council shall adopt, amend or repeal rules and regulations for the government, regulation and control of the Police Department, upon the advice and recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Public Safety Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Public Safety Committee, the Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains is desirous of supplementing the educational qualifications necessary for hiring police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council is desirous of amending Section 18-7, of Chapter 18, Police Department, in the "Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Morris Plains, New Jersey, 1972" ("Revised Ordinances") in order to effectuate such recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

**Section 1:**

Subsection (a) in Section 18-7, "Qualifications" of Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances, which reads as follows:

**18-7. Qualifications.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall be appointed to the Police Department unless he or she:

- (1) Possesses the requisite qualifications

prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-127; and

(2) Successfully passes such written and oral examinations as may be prescribed by the Borough Council;

(3) Successfully passes such physical, mental and psychological examinations as may be prescribed by the Borough Council; and

(4) Effective January 1, 2005,

(i) Possesses an associate degree from an undergraduate institution accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; or

(ii) Is currently enrolled in such an accredited undergraduate institution and has completed 65 credits or more that satisfy the matriculation requirements for a bachelor of arts or science degree from that institution; or

(C) Has been honorably discharged from service in the United States military.

is hereby amended, supplemented and revised with a revision of the educational requirements for appointment to the Police Department, to require a Bachelor's degree, or an Associate's degree with an honorable discharge from military service, so that hereafter, Subsection (a) of Section 18-7 in Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances shall read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall be appointed to the Police Department unless he or she:

(1) Possesses the requisite qualifications prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-127; and

(2) Successfully passes such written and oral examinations as may be prescribed by the Borough Council;

(3) Successfully passes such physical, mental and psychological examinations as may be prescribed by the Borough Council; and

- (4) Effective March 20, 2015,
- (i) Possesses a bachelor of arts or science degree from an undergraduate institution accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; or
  - (ii) Possesses an associates of arts or science degree from an undergraduate institution accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, or has completed 65 credits or more at such an accredited institution, and has been honorably discharged from service in the United States military.

**Section 2:**

All other provisions of the aforesaid Section 18-7 and Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances shall be unaffected and are hereby continued.

**Section 3:**

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4:**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 5:**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: March 5, 2015

Adopted: March 19, 2015

/s/ Frank J. Druetzler