

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Chapter II of the Township Code entitled, "Administration" by (i) adding Special Law Enforcement Officers to the composition of the Township's Police Department, and (ii) establishing criteria for such Officers.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 11-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION"
BY ADDING SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO THE
TOWNSHIP'S POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Section 2-3 entitled, "Police Department" is hereby supplemented and amended by (i) amending Subsection 2-3.1 (a) entitled, *Establishment and Organization*" by adding Special Law Enforcement Officers to the composition of the Township's Police Department; and (ii) amending Subsection 2-3.9 entitled, "Special Law Enforcement Officers" to remove the designation "Reserved" therefrom and adding criteria for Special Law Enforcement Officers.

SECTION I. Subsection 2-3.(a) entitled, "*Establishment and Organization*" is hereby amended by adding Special Law Enforcement Officers to the composition of the Township's Police Department. Otherwise, the remainder of subsection 2-3.1 shall remain unchanged. The entry shall read as follows:

2-3.1 *Establishment and Organization.*

a. The Township of Warren Police Department, as has been heretofore legally established under applicable laws of the State of New Jersey, is continued. The police department shall consist of no more than a chief of police, one captain, two lieutenants, six sergeants, 25 patrol officers and detectives, special law enforcement officers and such other superior officers and patrol persons as will be determined by the township committee from time to time as being proper and feasible for the department, upon recommendation of the chief of police and the township administrator. These members of the Warren Township Police Department shall be duly sworn.

SECTION II. Subsection 2-3.9 entitled, "Special Law Enforcement Officers" is hereby amended by (i) removing the word "Reserved" therefrom and (ii) establishing the following criteria for Special Law Enforcement Officers. The entry shall read as follows:

2-3.9 Special Law Enforcement Officers. [Reserved]

2-3.9.1 *Establishment and Organization.*

There is hereby established the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Warren Police Department. The position of Special Law Enforcement Officer shall be a temporary office and shall not be a permanent regular office. No Special Law Enforcement Officer, by virtue of his or her appointment shall be a member of the Police Department. Such officer(s) shall serve the Township, subject to the eligibility criteria, limitations and requirements set forth in the Special Law Enforcement Officers Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10 et seq.

2-3.9.2 Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers; Hours of Duty; Term of Office.

The Chief of Police, with the prior approval of the Township Committee, may appoint Special Law Enforcement Officer(s) to the Township's Police Department. The number of Special Law Enforcement Officer(s) may not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the total number of regular police officers. Special Law Enforcement Officer(s) shall not be permitted to work more than twenty (20) hours per week, except as needed in an emergency situation. The appointment for a Special Law Enforcement Officer shall not exceed one (1) year.

2-3.9.3 Qualifications of Special Law Enforcement Officers.

No person shall be appointed to the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer within the Township unless he or she meets the following qualifications:

- A. A resident of this State during the term of appointment.
- B. Able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- C. Sound in body and of good health and able to pass a yearly physical examination provided by the Township.
- D. Of good moral character.
- E. Has not been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or which would make him or her unfit to perform the duties of his or her office.
- F. Has successfully passed a NJ PTC SLEOII class from an accredited New Jersey Police Academy or has previous Law Enforcement experience as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10 (f).

2-3.9.4 Duties; classifications of Special Law Enforcement Officer.

Only Class II (SLEOII) offices shall be employed in Warren Township.

Officers of this class are authorized to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time police officer. The use of a firearm by an officer of this class may be authorized only after the officer

has been fully certified as successfully completing training and instruction as required by law.

2-3.9.5 Compliance with rules and regulation of Police Department.

Every Special Law Enforcement Officer, while on duty, shall abide by the rules and regulations (including any and all standard operating procedures) of the Police Department. Any violation of rules and regulations, where the penalty for a police officer is suspension or dismissal, may result in the immediate dismissal of the Special Law Enforcement Officer.

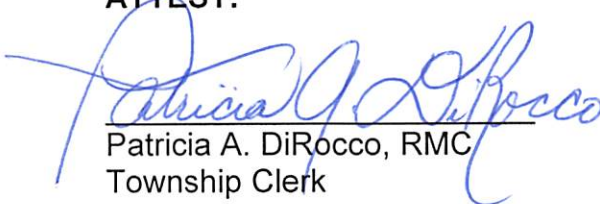
SECTION III. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Warren, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.


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

Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by brackets [].
New provision indicated in underline _____.

ATTEST:


Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

By: 

Gary P. DiNardo, Mayor

INTRODUCED March 17, 2011
ADOPTED April 14, 2011
EFFECTIVE April 21, 2011