

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ORDINANCE NO. 1811**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II  
"ADMINISTRATION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH, SUBCHAPTER 2-9 "DEPARTMENT OF POLICE"  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF POLICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mahwah desires to amend and supplement the provisions of Chapter II "Administration" of the Mahwah Revised General Ordinances, Section 2-9 "Department of Police".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah as follows:

Section 1. Chapter II "Administration", Subsection 2-9 "Department of Police", is hereby amended and supplemented in its entirety, as follows:

§2-9 Department of Police.

2-9.1 Police Director.

There shall be a Department of Police, the head of which shall be the Police Director. The Department shall also have a Chief of Police subordinate to the Police Director, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Department

2-9.2 Functions and Duties.

The department, under the direction and supervision of the chief, shall:

- (a) Preserve the public peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, detect and arrest offenders against the penal laws and ordinances effective within the Township, suppress riots, mobs and insurrections, disperse unlawful or dangerous assemblages, and preserve order at all elections and public meetings and assemblages.
- (b) Administer and enforce laws and ordinances to regulate, direct, control and restrict the movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and use of the street and vehicles and persons, to protect the safety and facilitate the convenience of motorists and pedestrians, and to make and enforce rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Charter and ordinances for such

purposes.

- (c) Remove all nuisances in the public streets, parks and other public places, inspect and observe all places of public amusement, of assemblage, and all places of business requiring any State or township license or permit and report thereon to the appropriate department.
- (d) Provide proper police attendance and protection at fires.
- (e) Provide for the attendance of its members in court as necessary for the prosecution and trial of persons charged with crimes and offenses, and cooperate fully with the law enforcement and prosecuting authorities of Federal, State and county governments.
- (f) Operate a training program to maintain and improve the police efficiency of the members of the department.
- (g) Enforce the rules and regulations for the disposition conduct and discipline of the department.

#### 2-9.3 Authorized Force: Police Department.

The department shall consist of such officers and individuals as are authorized for the Police Department on the effective date of this Administrative Code until otherwise provided pursuant to the law. The department shall also include school traffic guards and the police reserve.

**Section 2.** All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter II of the Township of Mahwah Code, be and the same, are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms thereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

**Section 3.** If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.