

ORDINANCE NO. 03-24-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING CHAPTER 5 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO
CREATE A POSITION FOR POLICE CHAPLAIN**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 provides that the governing body of a municipality may appoint one or more Police Chaplains via ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee finds it is in the best interest of the Township to include a Chaplain among the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Code of the Township of Cranbury is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 5, entitled "Police Department" in its entirety so as to read as follows:

§ 5-13. Police Chaplain.

- A. The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Cranbury is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The Police Chaplain shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police.
- B. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain and qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.
- C. The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Cranbury Police Department in critical incident debriefing, death notifications, and/ or any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- D. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without rank or salary.
- E. Every three years, the Chief of Police shall recommend to the Mayor any qualified individual pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 for the position. All applicants for the position shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Chief of Police shall make the recommendation to the governing body. The Mayor shall appoint the Police Chaplain accordingly with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.
- F. A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of appointment. The Chaplain may resign at any time after providing the Township with thirty (30) days' notice. The Township can terminate the Chaplain at any time and may reappoint the Chaplain upon expiration of the term with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on April 8, 2024. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held in the meeting room of Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, in the Township of Cranbury on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Debra A Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk