

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
COUNTY OF BERGEN

Ordinance No. 2013-09

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"**

WHEREAS, the governing body is charged with the responsibility of determining an appropriate organizational structure for the township's police force; and

WHEREAS, certain changes to the organizational structure of the department were made in December 2008 by the then township committee without a written analysis or reasoning by the Chief of Police or an independent report or analysis of need or cost; and

WHEREAS, at that time the township committee was of the opinion that the changes in organizational structure made in December 2008 should have been proceeded by a full analysis of cost impact and impact upon the department by the Chief and/or a qualified independent party; and

WHEREAS, the township committee was aware of the economic climate, lack of state and local aid, increasing labor costs and impending impact of property revaluation and determined that in the absence of aforementioned analysis of need that the cost of additional superior officers occasioned by the December 2008 organizational change did not outweighed by the need for the same; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned issues not being addressed in December of 2008 and most importantly the unnecessary costs the organizational structure at that time the Township Committee determined that the organizational structure should be restored to the state prior to December 2008; and

WHEREAS, there will now be retirements among the Township Police Officers which may effect the Police Department operation which will require that the Township maintain an appropriate level of organizational command;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that Chapter 52 Section 1 – Police Department-“Establishment, composition, appointments; chain of command.” Be amended and supplemented as follows:

Section I: Chapter 52-I shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

- A. -No Change
- B. The Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police, a Deputy Chief, two (2) Captains of Police, two (2) Lieutenants, five (5) Sergeants and such other patrolpersons as the Township Committee may deem necessary and special police officers as provided by this chapter.
- C. No Change.
- D. No Change.
- E. A patrolperson shall rank below a Sergeant; a Sergeant shall rank below a Lieutenant; a Lieutenant shall rank below a Captain; the Captain shall rank below the Deputy Chief and the Deputy Chief shall rank below the Chief. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief shall assume the duties of Chief and the command of the department until that vacancy is filled. Any officer inferior to another officer shall obey and perform any and all orders and directions of any officer superior to him or her.

Section II: All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Section III: If any portion of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IV: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced:

Adopted:

ATTEST

Donna Gambutti, Township Clerk

Frank Cagas, Mayor

Introduced: August 8, 2013

Motion: Brugger

Second: Eckel

Roll Call Vote: Brugger, Eckel & Cagas

Absent: Regan & Stefano

Adopted: September 12, 2013

Motion: Brugger

Second: Cagas

Roll Call Vote: Brugger, Eckel, Cagas, Regan & Stefano