

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #19-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
CHAPTER 2.56 OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" BY ADDING  
SECTION 2.56.200 ENTITLED "CLASS III SPECIAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS"**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2016 c. 68 ("Chapter 68") was approved by Governor Christie on November 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 68 authorizes municipalities to hire Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to provide security protection to designated schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is considering the use of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers at certain schools within the Township of Raritan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 2.56 entitled "Police Department" is amended and supplemented through the addition of Section 2.56.200 entitled "Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers" as follows:

**A.**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10, the Township Committee may appoint Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time police officer while providing security at a public school premises during hours when the school is normally in session or when it is occupied by students. The placement of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers shall be subject to any agreement or inter-local services agreement with any school or local unit and further subject to the direct supervision of the Chief of Police.

A Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer shall only be employed part-time, not to exceed, on average, thirty (30) hours per week per calendar year. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.16(9)(d), no Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer shall be eligible for health care benefits from the Township or enrollment in any state-administered retirement system.

**B.**

The Township Committee may appoint Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers for a term not exceeding one year, and revoke such appointments without cause or hearing. The number of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers shall be determined on an annual basis by the Township.

The resolution appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers shall designate the rate of pay.

**C.**

While on duty in the Township, a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer may respond to offenses or emergencies off school grounds if they occur in the officer's presence while traveling to a school facility but said officer shall not otherwise be dispatched or dedicated to any assignment off school property.

**D.**

No person shall be appointed as a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer unless he or she is:

- 1) A citizen of the United States;
- 2) Able to read, write and speak the English language;
- 3) Of good moral character, and has not been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or which could make him or her unfit to perform the duties of his or her office;
- 4) Has successfully undergone the same psychological testing that is required of all full-time police officers in the Township;
- 5) A bona fide retired law enforcement officer who is less than 65 years of age;
- 6) Has served as a duly qualified, fully-trained, full-time officer in any municipality or county of the State of New Jersey or as a member of the State Police, interstate police force, state or county corrections officer, state juvenile corrections officer, or juvenile detention officer, or any other qualified, fully-trained, full-time law enforcement officer who had full powers of arrest and was separated from that prior service in good standing, within three years of appointment;
- 7) Physically capable of performing functions of the position, determined in accordance with Police Training Commission guidelines;
- 8) Possesses a New Jersey Police Training Commission Basic Police Officer Certification or New Jersey State Police Officer Academy Certification or has successfully completed training at the Correction Officer's Training Academy of the Department of Corrections or at a basic training program for corrections officers and juvenile detention officers established by a county;
- 9) Has completed the training course for Safe Schools Resource Officers developed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17B-71.8.

Additionally, every Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer shall be fingerprinted and his or her fingerprints shall be filed with the Division of the State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reports shall be made by the Chief of Police to the Township Committee concerning

the eligibility and qualifications of any person proposed to be appointed a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer.

**Section 2.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

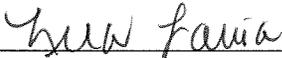
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**Note to Codifier: language in brackets [ ] is to be deleted from the original text. Underlined language is new language to the original text.**

**DATE ADOPTED:** April 16, 2019

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

  
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Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk

  
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Jeff Kuhl  
Mayor