

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Ordinance 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SLEOs)

WHEREAS, the Township Council previously authorized the use of Class II and Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs) to assist the Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has now recommended the use of Class I SLEOs for certain duties within the Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington that Chapter 36, Article II "Special Law Enforcement Officer are hereby revised as follows:

Section 1. Amend Township Code Section 36-15 as follows. All other provisions of Section 36-15 remain as written.

- A. "Special law enforcement officer (SLEO)" shall mean any person appointed annually by the **Township Manager** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq., to temporarily or intermittently perform duties similar to those performed regularly by members of a municipal police department, or to provide assistance to a police department during unusual or emergency circumstances, and to provide security in a school system within Maple Shade. Nothing herein shall be construed to require reappointment at the expiration of the term.
- D. The number of SLEO Class II officers employed by the Maple Shade Police Department shall not exceed 25% of the total number of regular police officers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.17.

Section 2. Amend Township Code Section 36-17 "Classification of special law enforcement officers/duties" as follows:

- 1) New subsection A:
 - A. SLEO Class I (SLEO I) are authorized to perform only certain duties of a regular full-time police officer. SLEO I duties shall include foot and bicycle patrol, community engagement and such other duties as specified by the Chief of Police.

- (1) SLEO I shall not be assigned any duties which may require the carrying or use of a firearm.
- (2) SLEO I duties shall include foot and bicycle patrol, community engagement and such other duties as specified by the Chief of Police.
- (3) SLEO I are authorized to carry designated mechanical force weapons while on duty and must qualify and demonstrate proficiency with the same frequency as regular police officers.
- (4) SLEO I are authorized to utilize handcuffs and other restraining devices consistent with this department's policies upon demonstrating proficiency in the use of these devices.
- (5) SLEO I shall have the power to issue summonses for disorderly persons and petty disorderly persons offenses, violations of municipal ordinances, and violations of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

2) Current subsections 36-17 A. and B. shall be redesignated as subsections B. and C.

Section 3. Subsection 36-18 is revised as follows:

The Township Manager shall make appointments upon recommendation by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall certify the eligibility and qualifications of all applicants, in writing, to the Township Manager prior to appointment.

Section 4. Repealer. Any and all other ordinances inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 5. Severability. In the event that any section paragraph, clause phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be involved or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

Introduction: May 27, 2021

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman		x	x			
Nunes			x			
Schmidt			x			
Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Maple Shade Township Council at a meeting held on June 24, 2021.

Andrea T. McVeigh, Township Clerk

Adoption: June 24, 2021

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