

Ordinance 2019-03

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2,
ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-19, ENTITLED “POLICE
DEPARTMENT”, SUBSECTION 2-19.10 ENTITLED “QUALIFICATIONS FOR
POLICE OFFICERS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Police Department desires to amend the qualifications for the hiring of new officers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find this change would be advantageous for the hiring process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, entitled “Administration”, Section 2-19, entitled “Police Department”, Subsection 2-19.10, entitled “Qualifications for Police Officers”, is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

Subsection 2-19.10 Qualifications for Police Officers.

No person shall be appointed as a regular or permanent member of the Police Department unless that person is qualified in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122 and the age requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-127 et seq. In particular, no person shall be eligible or qualified to be appointed as a regular or permanent police officer unless, at the time of his/her appointment:

- a. She/he shall be a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of New Jersey.
- b. She/he shall not be less than eighteen (18) years of age and shall be sound in body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey as to her/his eligibility for membership in the retirement system. Age shall not be considered in the promotion of any officer to a higher rank.
- c. She/he shall demonstrate the ability to read and write the English language intelligently.
- d. She/he is of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of a crime or disorderly persons offense that, in the judgment of the Borough Council, would be prejudicial to the morale or the reputation of the Police Department.
- e. She/he must successfully pass the required physical fitness examination, drug and alcohol screening, psychological examination administered by a physician or laboratory of the Borough's choosing and be a successful graduate of a certified police academy as she/he may be assigned by the Borough. Any drug screening, psychological or medical examination or physical fitness examination shall be conducted after a conditional offer of employment or promotion has been made by the Borough.
- f. She/he is a holder of a valid New Jersey driver's license.

g. She/he must have an associate's degree or 60 college credits from an accredited college or university PLUS at least 24 months of satisfactory employment or military experience.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 3. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

Introduction: February 19, 2019

Adoption: March 4, 2019

ATTEST:

DEBRA L. SOPRONYI
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LAWRENCE D. QUATTRONE
MAYOR