

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. O-2-2023-010

ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,  
ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS", SPECIFICALLY  
SECTION 79-90.1 ENTITLED "SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 79-90.1C entitled "Specific Qualifications" of the Code of the Township of Monroe, shall be amended as follows: (additions in blue deletions in red)

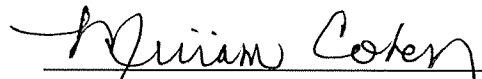
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- (1) ~~Three~~ Five years as patrolman in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size.
- (2) Successful at written and oral examination given by the New Jersey State Chiefs Police Association.
- (3) One-year probationary period.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. 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.

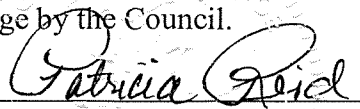
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

  
MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – February 6, 2023						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider	X		X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council Vice Pres. Van Dzura			X			
Council Pres. Cohen			X			

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on February 6, 2023. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

  
PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION– March 6, 2023						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider	X		X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Council Vice Pres. Van Dzura		X	X			
Council Pres. Cohen			X			

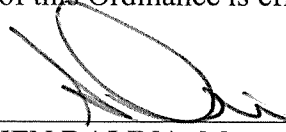
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



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STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: 3/7/2023



*Township of Monroe*  
County of Middlesex

**MICHAEL BIENNAS**  
Chief of Police

**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE:**  
Municipal Complex  
3 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

January 23, 2023

Mayor Steven Dalina  
Township of Monroe  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Dear Mayor Dalina,

In 2022 I had spoken to both yourself and Business Administrator Weinberg regarding the number of Officers I have in my command staff. Working with you and the Township Council we addressed my concerns.

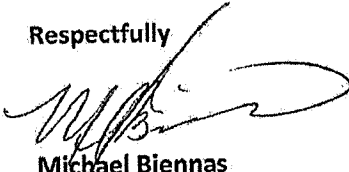
With these changes in place, I am requesting that the Township Ordinance be brought up to date to reflect the changes made to the command staff. Currently a newly hired Officer must have completed Three (3) years of service with the Townships Police department or a Police Department of comparable size in order to be able to participate in the promotional testing. Due to the amount and severity of the calls for service which has steadily increased every year the responsibilities of a three-year Officer to be in command of a nine-officer squad is setting the Officer up for failure. The demands of command need the experience gained by Officers handling calls for service on a day-to-day basis. In todays climate three (3) years is not enough time for a new hire to get the experience needed for command. I have met with my current command staff; all are in agreement that this threshold should be increased to five (5) years' experience as a patrol officer before being eligible to participate in the promotional testing process.

Please see the attached request outlining the changes requested.

Anticipating your approval, I would request these changes be done as soon as possible. Currently our Sergeants eligible list has five (5) Officers on it and it will not expire until September 14, 2025.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully



Michael Biennas  
Chief of Police



# Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

**PATRICIA REID**  
Township Clerk

Municipal Complex  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ  
08831-1900  
Phone (732) 656-4573  
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## Affidavit of Publication

I, Christine Robbins, Deputy Township Clerk, of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the attached legal notice is a true copy of such notice, which was published in the Home News Tribune, the official newspaper of Monroe Township and a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Middlesex on February 10, 2023.

Christine Robbins, Deputy Township Clerk

Ad Number: 0005588455

Run Dates: 02/10/2023

**MONROE TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO.: O-2-2023-010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 79-90.1 ENTITLED "SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS", has been introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on February 6, 2023 and will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing during the council meeting to be held on March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831. At said time and place, all persons will be granted the opportunity to be heard concerning this Ordinance prior to its consideration for adoption by Council.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to increase the years needed to serve as a patrolman in the Monroe Township Police Department or a police department of comparable size, from a minimum of three years to a minimum of five years, before being eligible to apply to become Sergeant.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety can be viewed on the Township website, [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com) and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. Monday through Friday.

Patricia Reid, Municipal Clerk  
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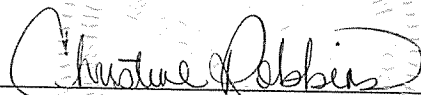
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Christine Robbins, Deputy Township Clerk

Ad Number: 0005624418

Run Dates: 03/13/2023

### MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the following entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on February 6, 2023. Furthermore, this Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing was held at the March 6, 2023 meeting of the Monroe Township Council which was held in the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831 and was thereafter approved and signed by the Mayor on March 7, 2023.

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CHRISTINE ROBBINS, R.M.C.  
Monroe Township Deputy Municipal Clerk  
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