

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE X,
POLICE DEPARTMENT, §4-70**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City desire to amend to the Code of the City of Gloucester City, specifically, Chapter 4, entitled Administrative Code, Article X, Police Department, §4-70; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is in the best interest of health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Gloucester City ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Chapter 4, Article X, Police Department, §4-70.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1: The following is hereby added to Chapter 4, Article X, Police Department, §4-70:

A. Establishment. The City of Gloucester City authorizes the use of special law enforcement officers to assist the regular police department in the performance of its duties and responsibilities subject to the eligibility criteria and limitations set forth in the Special Law Enforcement Officers Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10 et seq. All such special law enforcement officers shall be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council upon the advice of the Chief of Police to a term not to exceed one year.

- (1) No special law enforcement officer, by virtue of his/her appointment as such, shall be or become a regular member of the police department.
- (2) Special law enforcement officers are considered at-will part-time employees and can be terminated for cause after adequate hearing, unless the appointment is for four months or less, in which event the appointment may be revoked without cause or hearing (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.14).
- (3) Every special law enforcement officer, while on duty, shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the police department and those policies, general order or standard operating procedures established by the Chief of Police.

B. Qualifications.

(1) No person shall be appointed as a special law enforcement officer unless the person:

- (a) Is legally permitted to work in the United States;
- (b) Is a resident of the State of New Jersey during his/her term of appointment;
- (c) Is able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent;

- (d) Is of sound body and of good health;
- (e) Is of good moral character;
- (f) Has not been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or that which would make him/her unfit to serve as a special law enforcement officer.

C. Duties; classification of special law enforcement officers.

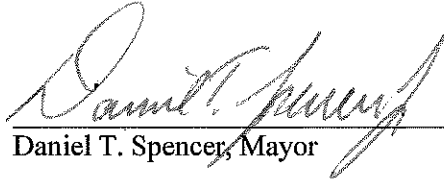
(1) There shall be the following two classes of special police officers pursuant to law:

- (a) Class 1. Officers of this class shall be authorized to perform routine traffic detail, spectator control and similar duties. Such officers shall have the power to issue summonses for disorderly persons offenses, petty disorderly persons offenses, violations of borough ordinances and violations of N.J.S.A. 39: 1-1 et seq. The use of a firearm by an officer of this class shall be strictly prohibited, and no officer of this class shall be assigned any duties, which may require the carrying of or use of a firearm. The Chief of Police may authorize the use of mechanical force weapons, but such special law enforcement officers must train and demonstrate proficiency with such mechanical force weapons with the same frequency as regular police officers.
- (b) Class 2. Officers of this class are authorized to exercise powers and duties commensurate with those of a regular police officer. The use of a firearm by such officer may only be authorized upon successful completion of training and instruction as required by law. The Chief of Police may authorize the use of mechanical force weapons, but such special law enforcement officers must train and demonstrate proficiency with such mechanical force weapons with the same frequency as regular police officers.
- (c) Class 3. Officers of this class must be a retired law enforcement officer under the age of 65, who had retired from his/her agency in good standing and possess a valid New Jersey Police Training Commission basic police officer certification. Such Class 3 officers must be physically capable of performing the functions of the position in accordance with New Jersey Police Training Commission guidelines. Such Class 3 officers are authorized to exercise powers and duties commensurate with those of a regular police officer. The use of a firearm by such officer may only be authorized upon successful completion of training and instruction as required by law. The Chief of Police may authorize the use of mechanical force weapons, but such special law enforcement officers must train and demonstrate proficiency with such mechanical force weapons with the same frequency as regular police officers

Section 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

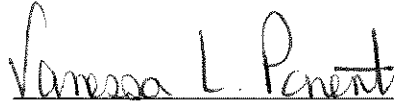
Section 3: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.


Daniel T. Spencer, Mayor


Passed on First Reading: September 26, 2019

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 24th day of October, 2019.


Vanessa Parent, RMC, City Clerk

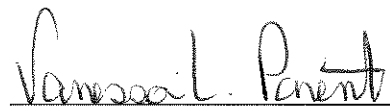
PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing ORDINANCE was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey, held on the 26th day September, 2019 and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Gloucester City to be held on the 24th day of October, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the evening prevailing time at 313 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, New Jersey.



Vanessa L. Parent, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE was approved for final adoption by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 24th of October 2019.



Vanessa L. Parent, City Clerk