**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED,**

**COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 47 “POLICE DEPARTMENT” TO**

**CREATE A POSITION FOR POLICE CHAPLAIN**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 provides that the governing body of a municipality may appoint one or more Police Chaplains via ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Committee finds it is in the best interest of the Township to include a Chaplain among the Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Committee of the Township of Plumsted as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township Code of the Township of Plumsted is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 47, entitled “Police Department” in its entirety so as to read as follows:

**§ 47-11. Police Chaplain.**

1. The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Plumsted is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The Police Chaplain shall be under the supervision of the Police Chief.
2. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain and qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.
3. The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Plumsted Police Department in critical incident debriefing, death notifications, and/ or any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
4. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without rank or salary.
5. Each calendar year, the Chief of Police shall recommend to the Mayor any qualified individual pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 for the position. All applicants for the position shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Chief of Police shall make the recommendation to the governing body. The Mayor shall appoint the Police Chaplain each year with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.
6. A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. The Chaplain may resign at any time after providing the Township with thirty (30) days’ notice. The Township can terminate the Chaplain at any time, and may reappoint the Chaplain upon expiration of the term with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

**SECTION 2.** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

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| NAYS |  |  |  |  |  |
| ABSENT |  |  |  |  |  |

## NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted held on the **15TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2024** and will be considered for second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the **7th** day of **MARCH, 2024** at 7:00 PM, at the Municipal Building, 121 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533, at which time and place any person desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-2, as amended, further notice is hereby given that the purpose of the forgoing ordinance is to allow for police chaplain services for the Plumsted Township Police Department.

Members of the general public may obtain a copy of the ordinance without cost during normal business hours from the Municipal Clerk’s Office, 121 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey.

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**JENNIFER WITHAM, RMC, CMR**

**Municipal Clerk**