

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 7, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
and SAFETY OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF  
PLAINFIELD, ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF  
AND CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE DIRECTOR  
MC 2008-06**

**Additions are underlined and in bold**  
Deletions are [bracketed]

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plainfield has decided to avail itself of its discretion to change the administration of the Plainfield Police Division as provided for in New Jersey statutory law(s); AND

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Plainfield desires to provide a more efficient administration of the Plainfield Police Division;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the City Council of the City of Plainfield, that Chapter 2, Article 7, Department of Public Affairs and Safety of the Municipal Code of the City of Plainfield is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: *(New Section)*

Section 2:7-13C. Establishment of the Office of Police Director

(a) There is hereby established within the Department of Public Affairs and Safety, the Office of Police Director.

Section 2: *(New Section)*

Section 2:7-13D. Appointment of Police Director

(a) The Police Director shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and shall serve during the term of office of the Mayor appointing him/her and until the appointment and qualification of his/her successor. The Police Director shall be qualified by training and experience for the position, which training and experience shall require a minimum of five (5) years experience in a responsible capacity in public administration and/or law enforcement.

(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision(s) of the Plainfield Municipal Code, the Mayor shall have the authority to appoint the Police Director on an acting basis for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

Section 3: *(New Section)*

Section 2:7-13E. Powers and Duties of Police Director.

(a) The Police Director, who shall have no police powers as defined by New Jersey Statutes, and who, subject to the approval of the Mayor and supervision of the City Administrator and the Director of Public Affairs and Safety shall:

(1) Exercise such powers as set forth in the applicable New Jersey State Statutes which shall specifically include the powers granted to the appropriate authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, including but not limited to, the promulgation and adoption of Rules and Regulations for the governance of the efficient day-to-day operations of the Police Division and the discipline of its members;

(2) Determine the policy and direction of the police division;

(3) Organize the Police Division subject/pursuant to the Table of Organization as set forth at Section 2:7-8 as amended herein;

(4) Provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for the establishment of ordinances to assist in the governance and management of the Police Division;

(5) Provide an annual report to the Mayor and City Council concerning the state of the Police Division and criminal activity within the City;

(6) Report to the Mayor, City Administrator and Director of Public Affairs and Safety as directed;

(7) Issue special emergency directives as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City in an emergency;

(8) Receive from the Police Division daily reports or other periodic reports as designated by the Police Director including, but not limited to:

(i) Budget and Expenses;

(ii) Manpower allocations, including overtime, vacation, sick and compensatory time accumulation and usage reports for all personnel;

(iii) Accident reports;

(iv) Incident reports; and

(v) Personnel related issues

(9) Examine the operations of the Police Division and the performance of any officer or member thereof;

(10) Adopt and promulgate standard operating procedures for the efficient operation of the Police Division;

(11) Prescribe the duties and assignments of all subordinates and other police personnel.

This Ordinance shall be published in the City's official newspaper in the manner required by law.

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and approval as required by law.

**FIRST READING**

MARCH 5, 2008

**SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE**

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**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

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**ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR**

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**ATTESTED BY THE CITY CLERK**

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