

Ordinance #2017-55

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974" AND "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton and Township of Princeton pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Municipal Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40:43-66.35*, consolidated as Princeton on January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:43-66.64*, the Princeton Council on January 1, 2013 adopted a Resolution continuing in effect Ordinances of the former Borough of Princeton and the former Township of Princeton as a new Code for Princeton is prepared; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 2014-8 adopted May 27, 2014, the Princeton Council approved the consolidation of portions of Chapter 2 of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" and portions of Chapter 2 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" pertaining to Administration, as set forth in Exhibit A of the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2014-8; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Council wishes to amend Article II of the consolidated Chapter 2 to include and amend the provisions concerning the Department of Emergency and Safety Services currently in Section 14-38.2 of Chapter 14 of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Princeton Council as follows:

Section 1. Consolidated Chapter 2 of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" and of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" as approved by

Ordinance No. 2014-18 is hereby amended by the addition of a new Division 8 in Article II thereof as follows:

Division 8. Department of Emergency and Safety Services.

Sec. 2-8.1. Department created.

A department of Emergency and safety services is hereby created, the department head of which shall be the director of emergency and safety services.

Sec. 2-8.2. Appointment of department director; qualifications; compensation.

The director of emergency and safety services shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council. The director shall be qualified and have the necessary experience to manage all aspects of said department, and shall be compensated as provided by the council in the annual salary ordinance.

Sec. 2-8.3. Duties.

The director of emergency and safety services shall be responsible for the Office of Emergency Management, Bureau of Fire Safety, Housing Inspection Bureau, Princeton Fire Department, Safety Compliance for Princeton and Liaison with Emergency Medical Services. The director of emergency and safety services shall be responsible for the following as set forth in the position's job description:

(a) Princeton Fire Safety Inspection Unit and Housing Unit. Oversee the annual development and maintenance of a work plan for the operations of the Bureau including personnel, equipment and facilities. Manage the Fire Official and Housing Inspection Manager to ensure compliance regarding regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice and enforcement of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and local Fire Code ordinances, the New Jersey Housing Code and Local Housing Code ordinances.

(b) Emergency Management. Responsible for coordination of services and planning with the local emergency services, police department, health department, public schools, colleges and universities and community groups.

(c) Manage fire department operations including oversight of the budget, maintenance programs, purchasing, records management, grant programs, training and supervision of fire line officers and responsibility for the overall management of fire department administration and operations.

(d) Responsible for overseeing the employee safety committee and coordinating safety compliance with all municipal departments. Act as the safety representative for Princeton on the joint insurance fund.

(e) Other related work as assigned by the Princeton administrator.

Section 2. Section 14-38.2 of Chapter 14 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974” is hereby repealed.

Section 3. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 5. The provisions in Section 1 hereof shall be applicable within Princeton upon final adoption and shall become a part of the new Princeton Code once completed and adopted.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption and publication as provided by law.

Statement of Purpose

This ordinance is part of the ongoing process of merging and harmonizing the code provisions of former Princeton Borough and former Princeton Township into a new code for the consolidated municipality of Princeton. It amends Chapter 2 of the new code by adding the updated description of the Department of Emergency and Safety Services to the listing of other Princeton departments and by deleting the description of the department from Chapter 14 of the code of former Princeton Township.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of Princeton held on October 9, 2017 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Princeton Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street on November 13, 2017 which begins at 7:00 p.m.



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Municipal Clerk