

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 20-14
(Adoption)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE TABLE OF
ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Chapter 63 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale established the Table of Organization for the Hillsdale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, there is an impending retirement of a Sergeant in the month of April 2021; and

WHEREAS, the table of organization will need to increase the number of Patrol Officers from 12 to 13 until May 1, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 63-9A(3) of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale is hereby amended to add a temporary 13th Patrol Officer to the table of organization until May 1, 2021.

Hereinafter, Chapter 63-9 shall read as follows:

§ 63-9. Creation and composition.

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, the Borough of Hillsdale hereby establishes a Police Department in and for the Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey, to consist of the following positions, and the maximum number of individuals assigned to each respective rank, as follows:
- (1) Chief of Police: 1
 - (2) Captain: 1
 - (3) Lieutenant: 1
 - (4) Sergeant: 5
 - (5) Patrol officers: 12. (plus a temporary 13th patrol officer through April 2021 in anticipation of a sergeant retiring) See Subsection C below.
 - (6) Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO III) who are retired regular police officers and who may from time to time be appointed and shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body for a term not to exceed one year, which officers shall not be members of the regular police force but shall nevertheless be under the control and

supervision of the Chief of Police for use solely as school security officers as detailed in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10, et seq.: as necessary.

- B. This Section shall not be construed as establishing any right on the part of any member or members of the Police Department to appointment to any position within the Department, nor shall it be construed as terminating or interrupting any period of service or tenure of any member of the Hillsdale Police Department. The existence and continuance of any of the above-specified offices and the number of appointees to each such office shall be determined by the governing body as it may, from time to time, in its sole discretion, deem reasonably necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Department.
- C. In the event that there is an unfilled vacancy in any of the superior officer positions, the maximum number of patrol officers shall be increased by the number of such vacancies. However, in no event shall the maximum number of officers in the Police Department, including the Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants and Patrol Officers, but excluding Special Law Enforcement Officers, exceed 20 members (due to a temporary 13th patrol officer through April 2021 in anticipation of a sergeant retiring), unless the Police Department has an officer on loan with a "On-Loan Program" , at which time the maximum number officers will be increased to 21 members temporarily through April 2021, returning to 20 members for the duration of the on-loan program, as approved by the Police Chief, Borough Administrator, and the Mayor & Council.
- D. The Borough Administrator of the Borough of Hillsdale shall be deemed to be the "appropriate authority" for purposes of the Borough Code and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.

Section 2. Ratification of Prior Actions; No Interruption in Service.

The Borough does hereby ratify and reconfirm all prior actions concerning hiring and promotion in the Police Department taken prior to the adoption of this Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as terminating or interrupting any period of service or tenure of any member of the Hillsdale Police Department.

Section 3. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed pursuant to this Ordinance, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Severability.


The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony		X	X				
Escobar, John			X				
Horvath, Zoltan			X				
Lundy, Abby	X		X				
Pizzella, Frank			X				
Trochimiuk, Janetta			X				
Ruocco, John							

Adoption: December 8, 2020

Attest: 
Denise Kohan
Municipal Clerk


John Ruocco
Mayor