

CITY OF VINELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-39

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-52 AS AMENDED, SECTION 24-7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED PUBLIC DEFENDER.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clarify the Public Defender’s Position as one which is considered a part-time appointment; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Vineland finds it in the best interest of the City of Vineland to amend Ordinance 2002-52 as Amended, Section 24-7 of the Code of the City of Vineland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance 2002-52, as Amended, Section 24-7 of the Code of the City of Vineland shall be amended as follows:

§24-7 (A) The position of Public Defender within the Municipal Court is hereby established and shall be a part-time position. The Public Defender shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council and shall serve for the term of one year from the date of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Public Defender shall not be entitled to compensatory or over-time.

§24-7 (B) The Public Defender shall, in the matter prescribed by New Jersey law, provide legal representation of any person charged with a disorderly persons offense or with the violation of any law, ordinance or regulation of a penal nature where there is a likelihood that the person so charged, if convicted, will be subject to imprisonment or, in the opinion of the Court, any other consequences of magnitude. The Public Defender shall also represent those defendants who have been declared indigent by the Municipal Court Judge and provide necessary time and expertise so as to adequately and competently represent those persons assigned to his/her counsel and in a manner that shall not adversely impact the proper operation of the Vineland Municipal Court in dispensing justice.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all portion of Section 24-7 of the Code of the City of Vineland not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk