

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 34

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE
CHAPLAIN FOR VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 provides that the governing body of the City of Vineland by Ordinance may provide for the appointment of one or more Chaplains to the Police Department; 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 Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Vineland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that as follows:

1. **POSITION CREATED.** The position of Police Chaplain for the City of Vineland Police Department is hereby created in accordance with 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The position of Chaplain shall be under the Director of Public Safety and subject to the control of the Chief of Police.

2. **QUALIFICATIONS.** Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. All Chaplains shall be subject to the residency requirements of the code of the City of Vineland. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City of Vineland Police Department.

3. **NUMBER OF CHAPLAINS APPOINTED.** There shall not be more than eight (8) Chaplains appointed in the City of Vineland.

4. **DUTIES OF POLICE CHAPLAIN.** The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the City of Vineland Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.

5. **RANK AND SALARY.** Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without Rank or Salary.

6. **TERM OF OFFICE.** A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve during the term of the Mayor and shall continue to serve until he/she is either replaced or re-appointed.

7. **APPOINTMENT.** The Chief of Police may recommend to the Mayor persons that he/she believes meet the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 as well as the rules and regulations of the City of Vineland Police Department with reference to Chaplains, if any. The Mayor shall appoint one or more persons as Chaplains in accordance with this Ordinance with the advice and consent of City Council.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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To: Mayor Ruben Bermudez & Council Members

Re: Ordinance for Police Chaplain

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

Attached please find Ordinance creating the position of Police Chaplain for the City of Vineland. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding the same. I intend upon placing this on Council's next agenda.

Very truly yours,

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