

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 11

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-52, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 123, ARTICLE I, SECTION 123-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMPOSITION; MEMBERSHIP; REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-52 establishing the number of superior officers and patrolmen and patrolwomen; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland Police Department has increased in numbers and service, including working with the Vineland Board of Education and therefore, the Director of Public Safety and Acting Chief of Police have recommended the City Council consider increasing the number of Deputy Chiefs of Police from one to two; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Supreme Court decision in **Reuter vs the Borough of Fort Lee** 167 NJ 38, municipalities are required to adopt Ordinances specifying the authorized number of officers at each rank and line of authority and Council finds it necessary to amend Ordinance 2018-52, as amended, Chapter 123, Article I Section 123-1, so as to comply with the aforementioned case law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance 2018-52, as amended, Chapter 123, Article I, Section 123-1 of the Code of the City of Vineland shall be amended as follows:

Section 123-1 C (2) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Section 123-1 C (2) Deputy Chief of Police: two

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, that Ordinance or portion thereof is repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the balance thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed first reading: January 28, 2025

Passed final reading: February 11, 2025

President of Council pfs

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor arf

ATTEST:

City Clerk kp