BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-890

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-5, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”, OF THE OAKLAND CODE SO AS TO AMEND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TO ADD THE POSITION OF CLASS THREE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS, recent legislation has enabled municipalities to establish the position of Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO III) for the purpose of serving as school security officers under the control and supervision of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Borough of Oakland Police Department has recommended that the Mayor and Council establish such a position in the Borough to assist with school security in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland School District Superintendent is also in favor of the assignment of SLEO IIIs at (they have 3 elementaries and a middle - not sure which they want); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are desirous of establishing the position of Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer in the Borough in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, as follows:

Section I.

Chapter II, Section 2-5, of the Oakland Code, entitled “Police Department-Creation of Department and Committee,” be and the same is hereby amended so that the table of organization shall hereinafter read as follows:

2-5.2 Composition

a. A police department is hereby established for the Borough. The officers of the Police Department shall consist of the following positions:

1. A chief;
2. One (1) captain;
3. Two (2) lieutenants;
4. Six (6) sergeants;
5. Twenty-one (21) patrolmen.
6. Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO III) who are retired regular police officers and who may from time-to-time be appointed to 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. In addition, the Police Department may employ clerical personnel and other employees to assist its officers in preserving peace and good order in the Borough.

c. The positions set forth herein are intended to be a maximum number of positions. Nothing contained in this section shall require the Governing Body to fill each position to the maximum, as same shall be left to the sole discretion of the Governing Body.

Section II. All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter 2-5 of the Oakland Code be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

Section III. The terms of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; should any part, portion or provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other part, portion or provision thereof.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Adopted this ___ day of __________________, 2022.

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Linda H. Schwager, Mayor          Michael E. Carelli, Borough Clerk