

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS),
ARTICLE XIV (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE), SECTION 4-83 (PROMOTION) OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO ELIMINATE THE
TIME IN GRADE REQUIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 4-83 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater mandates the procedure for promotion in the Department of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council seek to remove the “time in grade” requirement for the position of Chief of Police as found in Section 4-83(A)(1) (“Promotion to Chief of Police”) of the Municipal Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 4, Article XIV of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, is hereby modified through this amendment to Section 4-83 entitled “Promotions” as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 4-83(A)(1) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

(1) ~~Time in grade. Any candidate shall have at least served in the position of Lieutenant, Captain and/or Deputy Chief in the Bridgewater Township Police Department for a period of two years immediately prior to his applying for the position of Chief of Police.~~ (RESERVED.)

SECTION IV. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION V. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION VI. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).