

LEGAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-#02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 -
ADMINISTRATION - OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF
RINGWOOD DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH
MANAGER AS THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 TO
ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
GOVERNANCE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE DISCIPLINE OF ITS MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed first reading at a Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey held at the Violet E. Bogert Municipal Annex, 60 Margaret King Avenue, Ringwood, New Jersey on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, and will be considered for final passage at a Business Meeting of said Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be considered, at the Violet E. Bogert Municipal Annex, 60 Margaret King Avenue, Ringwood, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. During the week prior and up to the time of public hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available to the members of the general public who request same.

KELLEY A. ROHDE, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

1†: Sunday, March 25, 2012
Fees: \$
The Suburban Trends

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2 - Administration - of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Ringwood is amended as follows:

1. Section 2-25.5 of the Ringwood Code is hereby amended in its entirety to provide as follows:
The administration of the Police Department shall be under the direction of the Borough Manager and the Police Chief shall report directly to the Borough Manager. *The Borough Manager is hereby designated the "Appropriate Authority" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and may exercise all powers conferred by that designation, including the promulgation of rules and regulations for the Police Department. The Borough Manager shall report all new rules and regulations to the Borough Council.*
2. Section 2:25.9 (a) Duties of Chief of Police is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:
The commanding officer of the police department shall be the Chief of Police who shall be appointed by the Appropriate Authority. The Chief of Police shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the Appropriate Authority. The Chief of Police shall cause members of the department under his/her command to obey the rules and regulations established by the Appropriate Authority. The Chief shall be held responsible for the efficiency, conduct, appearance and good order of the Department and shall promptly report to the Appropriate Authority each and every case dereliction of duty, and all complaints made against members of the Department.
3. Section 2:25.9 (b) Shall be amended in its entirety to provide as follows:
 - b. The Chief of Police shall be in charge of discipline of the force and its officers and personnel. *The Chief shall discipline members of the Department by forwarding a charge with a recommended penalty to the Appropriate Authority (in addition to compliance with all other applicable law regarding such a charge). The Appropriate Authority shall either decide the charge himself or designate a hearing officer whose recommended decision shall be subject to affirmation, modification, or reversal by the Appropriate Authority. This procedure does not supersede any collectively negotiated agreement, but merely requires that, after any steps required by such an agreement, the Appropriate Authority render the final decision on discipline (subject to any arbitration provision in a collectively negotiated agreement).*
4. Section 2:25-17 Rules and Regulations shall be revised in its entirety to provide as follows: The Appropriate Authority (Borough Manager) shall promulgate rules and

regulations for the proper and efficient conduct of the Police Department and the discipline of its members.

5. Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance is repealed.
6. This ordinance is declared severable. In the event any provision or provisions herein are declared null and void, the rest and remainder shall remain in full force and effect.
7. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage provided by law.