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VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 1898

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD BY ADDING TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE RIDGEWOOD VILLAGE CODE, ADMINISTRATION, A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "ARTICLE VIII, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS" AND DELETING FROM THE VILLAGE CODE AND REPEALING FROM CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 9, FIRE DEPARTMENT, SUBDIVISION II, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, SECTIONS 2-81 THROUGH 2-85 BOTH INCLUSIVE AND ALSO DELETING FROM THE VILLAGE CODE AND REPEALING FROM CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 10, SUBDIVISION II, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, SECTIONS 2-92 THROUGH 2-95 BOTH INCLUSIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Ridgewood as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to the Ridgewood Village Code, Chapter 2, Administration, a new article to be entitled "Article VIII, Residency Requirements" as follows:

ARTICLE VIII, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Section 2-116

All officers and employees of the Village of Ridgewood, initially employed or appointed from and after the effective date of this act, shall be bonafide residents of the Village of Ridgewood. Any officers or employees who are otherwise exempted by law shall not be subject to this regulation. A bonafide resident for the purposes of this Ordinance is a person having a permanent domicile within the Village of Ridgewood which has not been adopted with the intention of again taking up or claiming a previous residence acquired outside of the Village of Ridgewood's boundaries.

Section 2-117

Applicants eligible for appointment to a position of employment in the classified civil service shall be limited to residents of the Village of Ridgewood.

Section 2-118

Whenever the governing body or appointing authority shall determine that there cannot be recruited a sufficient number of qualified residents for available specific positions or employments the Village shall advertise for other qualified applicants. The Village or the hiring authority thereof shall thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:

1. Other residents of Bergen County;
2. Other residents of counties contiguous to Bergen County;
3. Other residents of the State; and
4. All other applicants.

No nonresident officer or employee shall be required to become a bonafide resident of the Village of Ridgewood as a condition of their continued employment.

Employment in the Fire Department shall be governed specifically by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-10.1(a). Employment in the Department of Police shall be governed specifically by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-123.1(a).

Section 2-119

Whenever the Village Council or the hiring authority of the Village shall determine that there are certain specific positions and employments, requiring special talent or skills which are necessary for the operations of the Village and which are not likely to be found among the residents of the Village, such positions or employment so determined shall be filled without reference to residency. The criteria for employment pursuant to this Section shall be established from time to time as the need arises by resolution of the Village Council.

SECTION 2. The Ridgewood Village Code is hereby amended as follows:
Subdivision II, Residency Requirements of Division 9, Fire Department in Article V, Departments, Chapter 2, Administration, Sections 2-81 through 2-85, both inclusive and Subdivision II, Residency Requirements of Division 10, Police Department of Article V, Departments, Chapter 2, Administration, Sections 2-92 through 2-95, both inclusive are hereby deleted and repealed.

SECTION 3. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.