

ORDINANCE NO. 13-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH THE CREATION OF A NEW ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED "PART-TIME DRUG ABUSE AND RESISTANCE EDUCATION/SAFE SCHOOLS RESOURCE SPECIALIST"

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to employ an individual, who may be a retired police officer, to serve as the Township's civilian part-time Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE)/ Safe Schools Resource Specialist (SSRS) for the purpose of developing and implementing dangerous substance education and prevention programs to help educate pupils, parents and educators concerning the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47 of the Code of the Township entitled Officers and Employees is hereby amended and supplemented with the establishment of a new Article VIII to be entitled "Part-Time Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE)/ Safe Schools Resource Specialist (SSRS)" with the inclusion of the following provisions:

§ 47-41. Creation of Position. There is hereby created the position of civilian Part-Time Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE)/ Safe Schools Resource Specialist (SSRS).

§ 47-42. Definitions. As used in this Article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DARE/SSRS – The civilian part-time official charged with the duty of preparing and implementing education and prevention programs to help educate elementary and secondary school pupils, parents and educators concerning the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – The official appointed by the governing body pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article II who shall serve as the immediate supervisor of the DARE/SSRS in performing his/her duties and responsibilities.

§ 47-43. Appointments; Qualifications. The DARE/SSRS shall be appointed by the Township Committee on the basis of his/her background and expertise in the fields of education and/or law enforcement and actual relevant prior experience. In addition, the person appointed to serve as the civilian part-time DARE/SSRS shall be trained and certified to perform the duties of the position.

The Township may employ a qualified retired police officer to serve as the civilian DARE/SSRS. The DARE/SSRS shall be assigned to the Department of Administration and shall report to the Business Administrator; provided, however, that the Business Administrator may delegate all or part of his/her supervisory responsibilities to the Chief of Police as the Business Administrator deems necessary or appropriate.

§ 47-44. Term; Hours of Employment. The DARE/SSRS shall be appointed to a term of office not to exceed one (1) year, which term shall expire on December 31st of each and every year. A reappointment may be made by the Township Committee during its annual Reorganization Meeting. The DARE/SSRS shall work 30 to 33 hours per week during the school year. He/she shall not be entitled to receive any medical and dental health benefits, or earn and accrue vacation and sick leave or receive holiday pay.

§ 47-45. Compensation. The compensation for the DARE/SSRS position shall be fixed by the governing body, and may be increased, decreased or modified from time to time by the governing body in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 47-46. Duties and Responsibilities.

- A. The DARE/SSRS shall be responsible in preparing and implementing education and prevention programs to help educate elementary and secondary school pupils, parents and educators concerning the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.
- B. The DARE/SSRS shall also work closely with the Township's Police Department in a civilian capacity and serve as the liaison between the schools and the Department in notifying law enforcement of any possible violations of criminal law. However, nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the DARE/SSRS to exercise police powers or to engage in the actual investigation, apprehension or detention of violators of the law.
- C. The DARE/SSRS shall be available to work with the Township's Substance Awareness Council, the local and regional school district administrators and the various parent/teacher associations in planning and coordinating substance awareness programs.
- D. Upon request, the DARE/SSRS shall be available to attend meetings of the Substance Awareness Council and the local PTA's in order to provide guidance and advice on any issue related to substance awareness.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 3. In case, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other section or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: April 14, 2011

DATE OF ADOPTION: April 28, 2011

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the foregoing Ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on the 14th day of April, 2011, introduced and read by title and passed on first reading and the Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a meeting to be held on the 28th day of April, 2011, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Whippany, in said Township of Hanover, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

JOSEPH A. GIORGIO, TOWNSHIP CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: April 21, 2011