

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
ORDINANCE NO. 32

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION I.

That pursuant to the authority vested in its Township Board, under Act 359 of Public Acts of 1947, as amended, the Charter Township of Hampton does confirm the establishment of a township police department and hereby prescribes powers and duties of its policemen and certain necessary rules for the organization and government of said department.

SECTION II.

The Police Department shall consist of a Marshall, to be known as the Chief of Police, and such other officers and employees as may from time to time be provided for by the Township Board.

SECTION III.

All police officers shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor, subject to Township Board approval. The Township Board shall fix the compensation to be paid for services rendered by the Township police officers. Each police officer, to be eligible for appointment, shall be a citizen of the United States and shall have such educational background, training, experience, and age qualifications deemed reasonable and sufficient by the Township Board for the duties of such employment along with meeting the qualifications provided for under Section 9 of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act of 1965 (MCL 28.601 et seq.) as amended and such standards as have been published by the Council pursuant to such Act. Before entering upon his or her duties each police officer shall take the constitutional oath of office. Each police officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Board.

SECTION IV.

The Police Department shall be headed by a Chief of Police, a full-time employee, who shall be the commanding officer of the police force. The Police Chief shall be responsible for the conduct and operation of the department subject to such rules and regulations for the government of such department and its police force and members as shall be prescribed by the Township Board.

SECTION V.

The members of the Police Department shall be responsible for: the enforcement of all State laws; the enforcement of all Township ordinances; the preservation of quiet and order and the protection of persons and property within the Township consistent with applicable law.

SECTION VI.

The members of the Police Department, subject to applicable law and the rules and regulations adopted for the administration of the department, are hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests; to serve and/or execute any and all writs and processes, civil or criminal, issued, or which may be issued by any judicial officer, administrative board, or township official. Members of the Police Department shall have, and may exercise all such powers, duties and authority granted to constables and sheriffs and as customarily exercised by municipal police officers, including, but not limited to: the prompt investigation and discovery of the commission of any crime; the infraction of any law, ordinance or public regulation; to report all such violations to proper authorities; lodge proper complaints with such authorities; and generally to protect property and preserve the public welfare and safety within the Charter Township of Hampton and elsewhere when acting pursuant to any mutual aid agreement or contract with any other local unit wherein said mutual aid agreement or contract has been approved by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Hampton and by the appropriate authority of such other unit or as may be provided by law.

SECTION VII.

Police officers shall be entitled to collect all fees and charges allowed by law or court rule to constables or other officers for the service of process, and shall account therefore according to the rules and regulations of the department as adopted by the Township Board.

SECTION VIII.

The Township Board shall make all necessary rules for the government of the Township Police force and its members including but not limited to rules and regulations for the conduct and discipline of Police Officers whether on or off duty.

SECTION IX.

If any Section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION X.

This Ordinance shall be published once in the Bay City Times and shall take effect immediately upon publication.