

Ordinance A-2-2018

Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSVILLE REPEALING CHAPTER 13 ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSVILLE ENTITLED "CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT" AND ADOPTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW ARTICLE 2 WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE USE AND REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR TOWNSHIP POLICE VEHICLES AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WHEN SUCH EMPLOYMENT IS DEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and members of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsville have determined that from time to time the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this Township will be enhanced if Township police officers are permitted to render police or traffic related services to private employers (for instance, contractors who require police officers to render traffic services) or school districts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsville that:

DELETE CHAPTER 13 ARTICLE 2

ADD

**ARTICLE 2: CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYEMENT OF TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS- PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES AND FOR THE USE OF TOWNSHIP POLICE VEHICLES**

**Sec. 13.2-1 PURPOSE**

For the Convenience of those Persons Entities which Utilize the Services of Off-Duty Law Enforcement Officers of the Pennsville Township Police Department and Authorize the Outside Employment of Such Officers while off-duty. The Township hereby adopts this Ordinance to govern the use of said officers and Township police vehicles.

- A. Members of the police department shall be permitted to accept police related employment for private employers (for instance, contractors who require police officers to render traffic services) only during off-duty hours and as such times that will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duty for the Township.

- B. Any person or entity wishing to employ off-duty police officers shall first obtain the approval of the Chief of Police, which approval shall be granted if, in the opinion of the Chief, such employment would not be inconsistent with the efficient functioning and good reputation of the police department and would not unreasonably endanger or threaten the safety of the officer(s) who are permitted to perform the work.
- C. If the request includes the use of a police vehicle then that use shall also be approved by the Chief of Police.

**Section 13.2-2 ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

- A. Any person or entity requesting the service of an off-duty law enforcement officer in the Pennsville Police Department and/or the use of a Township police vehicle shall estimate the number of hours such law enforcement services are required, which estimate shall be approved in writing by the Chief of Police, and shall establish an escrow account with the Chief Financial Officer of the Township by depositing an amount sufficient to cover the rates of compensation and administrative fees for the total estimated hours service.
- B. Prior to posting any request for services of off-duty law enforcement officers, the Chief of Police or his designee, shall verify that the balance in the escrow account of the person or entity requesting services is sufficient to cover the compensation and fees for the number of hours specified in the request for services. The Chief of Police shall not post a request for services from any person or entity unless all fees and compensation required in the manner described above have been deposited with the Chief Financial Officer of the Township. No officer shall provide any such services for more hours than are specified in the request for services.
- C. In the event the funds in such escrow account should become depleted, services of off-duty law enforcement officers shall cease and request for further or future services shall not be performed or posted until additional funds have been deposited in the escrow account in the manner prescribed above.
- D. The person or entity requesting such services shall be responsible for ensuring that sufficient funds remain in the escrow account in order to avoid any interruption of services.

**Section 13.2-3 REQUEST FOR SERVICES**

All requests to the Township for the services of an off-duty law enforcement officer(s)

from the Pennsville Police Department and/or for the use of a police vehicle for a period of one week or longer shall be forwarded

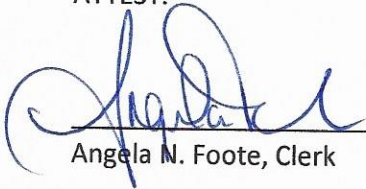
**Section 13.2-4 RATES OF COMPENSATION; ADMINISTRATIVE FEE; PAYMENT FOR SERVICES; EXEMPTIONS**


- A. The rate of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty law enforcement officers shall be based on a rate of time and one half of the highest paid Sergeant, plus an administrative fee of 9% per hour.
- B. Local or State government, schools and/or non-profit entities are exempt from the rates of compensation section of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED: January 18, 2018

Approved by the Township Committee  
Township of Pennsville – January 16, 2018

ATTEST:

  
Angela N. Foote, Clerk

  
Robert E. McDade, Mayor

First reading – January 18, 2018

Roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstaining	Absent
William Biebel	X	—	—	—
Marc Chastain	X	—	—	—
Jeffrey Cook	X	—	—	—
Robert McDade	X	—	—	—
Richie Raine	X	—	—	—

Adoption – February 1, 2018

Roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstaining	Absent
William Biebel	X	—	—	—
Marc Chastain	X	—	—	—
Jeffrey Cook	X	—	—	—
Robert McDade	X	—	—	—
Richie Raine	—	—	—	X