

Town of Georgetown, IN

Ordinance # G-06- 25

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF
THE GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CONCERNING POLICE HIRING STANDARDS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW
IN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN,
INDIANA THAT:**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown has reviewed Chapter 31 of the Town's Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown has identified that the hiring standards for a Town Police Officer need to be revised; and,

WHEREAS, changes in Indiana State Law (IC § 36-8-2 et seq) concerning Indiana Certified Law Enforcement Officers also require the revision the Town's ordinance governing the hiring of police officers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read:

§ 31.15 STANDARDS FOR HIRING A NEW OFFICER.

(A) ~~Any fourth~~ police officer shall be that is hired for the Town Marshal Department is a probationary employee, regardless of previous experience, for one full year from date of hire and shall meet the following requirements.

(B) Pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3.2-3.5, and successor statutes that may be enacted, any applicant for police officer position with the Town Marshal Department shall pass a physical agility test and general aptitude test.

(C) Pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3.2-5, and successor statutes that may be enacted, the physical agility test shall be in addition to a standard medical physical examination.

(D) Pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3.2-6, and successor statutes that may be enacted, the following basic requirements are hereby adopted for employment with the Town Marshal Department as a police officer:

- (1) Must be at least 21 years of age;
- (2) Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license and a good driving record;
- (3) Must not have been convicted of any criminal offense;
- (4) Must have 60 or more certifiable college credit hours; actual work experience as a full-time, certified, paid Indiana Law Enforcement officer may be substituted for college credit on the basis of 30 college credit hours equals one year of actual work experience;

(5) Within 180 days of the time of appointment, a new police officer must reside in the Floyd County and maintain residence there throughout term of employment. In a special circumstance, the Town Marshal and a majority of the Town Council, as determined in a public meeting of the Council, may allow a Georgetown Police Officer to live outside of Floyd County but within five (5) miles of the Town's Corporate Limits. Georgetown Township or be able to relocate to the Georgetown Township within 90 days;

(6) Must have attended the Indiana pre-basic course in the last 12 months or be currently employed as a full-time, certified, paid Indiana police officer or reserve police officer (corrections officers do not qualify);

(7) Must be able to operate a computer with Windows 2000 (or newer) operating system and possess the basic skills to use Microsoft Word;

(8) Must be of good moral character;

(9) Must be able to pass rigid background investigation;

(10) Must be able to pass a voice stress test;

(11) Must be able to pass a psychological evaluation; and

(12) Must possess, in the sole discretion of the Town Marshal, the proper attitude to be a police officer; and,

(13) Must refrain from the use of smoking tobacco products while working on duty.

~~(12) Must be able to pass a physical examination~~

(E) ~~The fourth~~ A new police officer shall receive a starting salary in an amount to be determined by the Town Council plus benefits in accordance with the new officer's police experience and the Omnibus Payroll Ordinance of 2006.. ~~The fourth police officer shall be eligible for a salary increase for 3 consecutive years following the adoption of this subchapter, and shall thereafter be eligible for cost of living increases in his or her salary.~~

(F) ~~The fourth~~ police officer shall become eligible to receive a year-end bonus following the completion of his or her second year of service.

(G) The funds necessary to provide for the salary and benefits for the ~~fourth~~ police officer of the Town Marshal Department are hereby appropriated by the Town Council of the town.

SECTION 2. The remainder of the Code of Ordinances is confirmed and reiterated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any Ordinance not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, this 10
day of July, 2006.

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