

VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 – POLICE; ARTICLE II – POLICE  
DEPARTMENT; SECTION 17-34 – OFFICES AND RANKS

THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Vernon Hills is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Statutes of the State of Illinois and empowered by statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is a home rule municipality under the Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to identify the Civil Service exempt command positions in the Vernon Hills Police Department (“Department”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION I.** Chapter 17 – Police; Article II – Police Department; Section 17-34 – Office & Ranks is hereby amended to read:

**Sec. 17-34. - Offices and ranks.**

There is hereby created the Office of Police Chief. The Police Chief candidate shall be recommended by the Village Manager to the Village President. The Village President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees with a majority vote will appoint the Police Chief for an indefinite term.

Effective as of January 10, 2012, there are hereby created further, the offices (ranks) of two (2) Deputy Chiefs, five (5) Commanders, five (5) Sergeants, and thirty (30) Patrol Officers in the 2011/2012 budget. Such members of the Police Department, other than the Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs and Commanders, shall hold such rank as shall be appointed him by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and from time to time according to the law.

The Chief of Police with the concurrence of the Village Manager may appoint two (2) Deputy Chiefs. The Deputy Chief position shall be an exempt rank immediately below that of Chief. The Deputy Chiefs may be appointed from any rank of sworn, full-time officers of the municipality's Police Department, but must have at least ten (10) years of full-time service as a Police Officer in that department. A Deputy Chief shall serve at the discretion of the Chief and, if removed from the position shall revert to the rank held immediately prior to appointment to the Deputy Chief position. The salary of Deputy Chief shall be established annually by the President and Village Board. The position of Deputy Chief shall be exempt from any review or control by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

The Police Chief with the concurrence of the Village Manager may appoint five (5) Commanders. The Commander positions shall be an exempt rank immediately below that of Deputy Chief. The Commanders may be appointed from any rank of sworn, full-time officers of the municipality's Police Department, but must have at least five (5) years of full-time service as a Police Officer in that Department. A Commander shall serve at the discretion of the Police Chief and, if removed from the position, shall revert to the rank held immediately prior to appointment to the Commander position. The salary of Commander shall be established annually by the President and Village Board. The position of Commander shall be exempt from any review or control by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

The Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs and Commanders shall be civil service exempt command positions and shall not have certified status and/or rights.

Individuals appointed to exempt command positions shall serve at the pleasure of the Police Chief and may be removed by the Police Chief with concurrence of the Village Manager at any time thereafter. If an individual is appointed to such a position who holds certified status within the Department in another position, the individual shall retain a guaranteed right to return to the former position with certified status upon termination from the exempt command position, subject to all applicable Sections of this Code, rules and regulations, and contracts.

**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect. If any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid in any one or more of its several applications, all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications shall remain in effect.

**SECTION III. REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Vernon Hills prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**SECTION V. ORDINANCE NUMBER.** This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2012- 001.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 - Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Williams, Hebda

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Schwartz

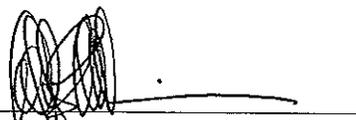
  
Roger L. Byrne  
Village President

PASSED: 1/10/2012

APPROVED: 1/10/2012

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM: 1/18/2012

ATTEST:

  
Michael S. Allison  
Village Clerk



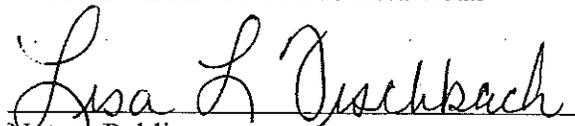
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STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE        )

I, MICHAEL S. ALLISON, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE 2012-001, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 – POLICE; ARTICLE II – POLICE DEPARTMENT; SECTION 17-34 – OFFICES AND RANKS

  
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MICHAEL S. ALLISON, VILLAGE CLERK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE  
THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012

  
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Notary Public

