

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 3429

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE VIII  
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD ENTITLED  
"RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Ridgewood is hereby amended by changing the wording of Chapter 3, Article VIII, of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood entitled "Residency Requirements" as follows:

**Section 3-57: REQUIRED RESIDENCY**

All officers and employees of the Village of Ridgewood initially employed or appointed in Public Safety titles within the Police and Fire Departments from and after the effective date of this article, shall be "bona fide residents" of the Village of Ridgewood. Public Safety titles for the purposes of this article shall include such titles as Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Police Lieutenant, Police Captain, Police Chief, Fire Fighter, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain and Fire Chief. Titles in the Police and Fire Departments other than those listed do not qualify as Public Safety titles.

Any officers and employees, who are otherwise exempted by law or hold classified titles, which includes both competitive and non-competitive titles, other than Public Safety titles within the Police and Fire departments, shall not be subject to this regulation.

A "bona fide resident", for the purposes of this article, is a person having a permanent domicile within the Village of Ridgewood which has not been adopted with the intention of again taking up or claiming a previous residence acquired outside of the Village of Ridgewood's boundaries.

**Section 3-58: ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Applicants eligible for appointment to a position of employment in Public Safety titles in the Police and Fire Departments, in the classified Civil Service shall be limited to residents of the Village of Ridgewood.

Section 3-59: ALTERNATIVE HIRING

Whenever the governing body or appointing authority shall determine that there cannot be recruited a sufficient number of qualified Ridgewood residents for available specific positions or employments for Public Safety titles in the Police and Fire Departments, the Village shall advertise for other qualified applicants. The Village or the hiring authority thereof shall thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:

- 1) Residents of Bergen County
- 2) Residents of counties contiguous to Bergen County
- 3) Residents of the State of New Jersey

In the case of classified titles, which includes both competitive and non-competitive titles and employments, other than for Public Safety titles in the Police and Fire Departments, the Village shall advertise for qualified applicants and the Village or the hiring authority thereof shall thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:

- 1) Residents of Bergen County
- 2) Residents of counties contiguous to Bergen County
- 3) Residents of the State of New Jersey

Section 2. Except as herein amended and supplemented, Chapter 3, Article VIII, Residency Requirements, of the Ridgewood Village Code remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Hauck, Knudsen, Pucciarelli,  
Sedon and Mayor Aronsohn

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Introduction Date: July 16, 2014

Adoption Date: August 13, 2014

Effective Date: September 2, 2014



Paul S. Aronsohn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander, Village Clerk