

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #15-2026

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 38, POLICE DEPARTMENT,
OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO MODIFY THE POLICE OFFICER MEMBER AND
QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 38 of the Borough of Mendham Code governs regulations regarding the Police Department, including those about membership and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mendham Police Department's Chief of Police has recommended that the Borough amend the regulations regarding members and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to adopt the Chief of Police's recommendation and revise the Borough Code accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows;

SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Police Department, Section 38-2, Members, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 38-2 Members.

The Police Department of the Borough of Mendham is established and consists of a

1. Chief of Police, not more than one (1)
2. Police Captain, not more than one (1)
3. Police Lieutenant, not more than one (1)
4. Police Sergeants, not more than five (5)
5. Police Patrol Officers, not more than seven (7)

The maximum numbers herein established for Sergeants and Patrol Officers may include investigators.

The actual numbers of incumbents, if any, in each position at any time shall be determined solely by the Borough Council based upon what it deems necessary to properly preserve peace and good order in the Borough of Mendham and may be less than the maximum herein established.

SECTION 2. Chapter 38, Police Department, Section 38-6, Qualifications, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 38-6 Qualifications.

Any candidate eligible for appointment as a member of the Police Department of the Borough of Mendham shall:

- A. Be at least 18 years of age and not older than 35 years of age.
- B. Be a citizen of the United States.
- C. Be a resident of the State of New Jersey.
- D. Be sound in body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey that the candidate is eligible for membership in the retirement system.
- E. Be of good moral character and has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.
- F. Have a minimum of 60 college credits or two (2) years' active military service and shall provide DD214 as proof of military service;
- G. The Chief of Police may hire members of the Police Department through any of the following methods: (1) the Alternate Route Program; (2) a valid and current certification or license issued by the Police Training Commission; or (3) sponsorship for attendance at and successful completion of a police academy, as required by applicable law.

SECTION 3. If any 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 portion, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in the manner according to law.

INTRODUCED: October 7, 2026

ADOPTED:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM,
COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:

Lauren McBride, Clerk

James R. Kelly, Mayor