

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinance 2026-16 entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDS PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING UNIFORMS IN THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE REGARDING UNIFORMS IN THE TOWNSHIP'S POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield are amended:

SECTION I – AMENDMENTS

Chapter 2 (Administration), Article III (Police Department; Fire Department; Department of Recreation), Section 2-41 (POLICE DEPARTMENT) is amended at Sub-Section 2-41.6 (Uniforms) and Section 2-42 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) is amended at Sub-Section 2-42.6 (Uniforms), only as follows:

§ 2-41.6. Uniforms.

- a. The uniforms of the Chief and of the members of the Police Department shall be of regulation pattern, approved by the Township Committee, and must be worn on all occasions when on duty, unless otherwise ordered by the Township Committee.
- b. No additional symbols, emblems, insignias, crests, characters or marks of any kind shall be a part of, or affixed to, the standard regulation uniform, except either on an optional basis or on a temporary basis lasting no longer than 30 days as directed by the Chief of the Police Department, unless previously approved by resolution of the Township Committee.**
- ~~b~~c. Any member of the Police Department, upon ceasing to be such member, shall immediately surrender to the Chief of Police the officer's official badge and other property of the Township in the officer's possession.

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§ 2-42.6 Uniforms.

- a. The Chief of the Fire Department and other members thereof shall wear uniforms of regular pattern to be approved by the Township Committee. Uniforms shall be worn on all occasions by the members of the Department while on duty, unless otherwise ordered by the Township Committee.
- b. No additional symbols, emblems, insignias, crests, characters or marks of any kind shall be a part of, or affixed to, the standard regulation uniform, except either on an optional basis or on a temporary basis lasting no longer than 30 days as directed by the Chief of the Fire Department, unless previously approved by resolution of the Township Committee.**

bc.. All members of the Fire Department, upon ceasing to be such members for any cause, shall immediately surrender to the Chief their official badges and all other Township property which may be in their possession.

SECTION II – AMENDMENTS

Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (Officer and Employees), Section 2-25 (Supervisor of Public Works) is amended at Sub-Section 2-25.2 (Duties), only as follows:

§ 2-25.2 Duties.

The Supervisor of Public Works shall be the Head of the Department of Public Works which Department shall be charged with supervision, function and maintenance of Roads, Parks and Trees, Buildings and Grounds, Sewers, Recycling and Vehicle maintenance. **The Supervisor of Public Works shall ensure that employees within the Department, as deemed necessary in the Supervisor's discretion for each position therein, are provided with appropriate uniforms to be worn by such employees while on duty, unless otherwise ordered by the Township Committee. No additional symbols, emblems, insignias, crests, characters or marks of any kind shall be a part of, or affixed to, the standard regulation uniform, except either on an optional basis or on a temporary basis lasting no longer than 30 days as directed by the Supervisor of Public Works, unless previously approved by resolution of the Township Committee.**

SECTION III - RATIFICATION

Except as set forth herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV - SEVERABILITY

Each section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or provision. In case any such portion of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, shall be adjudged or otherwise determined to be invalid, unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not effect or invalidate the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the application of such remaining portions shall not be affected thereby, and all such remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of each section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase and provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION V - REPEAL

This Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein, and all ordinances or portions of ordinances which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION VI - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

was introduced and passed on First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey held on **August 18, 2026 at 7 p.m.** This Ordinance will be further considered for Final Passage, after public hearing, at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the Kenneth Faigenbaum Committee Chamber at the Township Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, on **September 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter, as said matter can be reached. At which time and place, all persons who are interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard and as questions concerning the same.

During the week prior to and up to the time of Public Hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available at no cost in the Township Clerk's office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, and to members of the general public who shall request the same.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk