



BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE NEW JERSEY



ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT," OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47, Section 47-5 entitled "Promotions," Subsection C, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

C. Eligibility.

(1) Sergeant:

A patrol officer shall be eligible to participate in the promotional process for the rank of Sergeant, provided they have five (5) years of full-time law enforcement service, including probation; and three (3) of those five (5) years must have been completed with the Borough of Riverdale.

(2) Lieutenant:

a) Sergeants shall be eligible to participate in the promotional process for the rank of Lieutenant, provided they have ten (10) years of federal, state, or local law enforcement experience; five (5) of those years must have been served with the Borough of Riverdale; and three (3) years of service at the rank of Sergeant.

b) Minimum Candidate Requirement for Lieutenant:

There must be a minimum of two (2) eligible candidates for the position of Lieutenant. If fewer than two (2) candidates meet the above eligibility requirements, the required years of service shall be reduced by one (1) year increments until at least two (2) eligible candidates are identified. All other eligibility requirements shall remain in effect unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

c) Superior Officer Limitation

The ranks of Lieutenant and Captain shall be collectively designated as "Superior Officers." At no time shall there be more than two (2) Superior Officers serving concurrently within the Borough of Riverdale Police Department.

(3) Captain:

a) The position of Captain shall be established within the Borough of Riverdale Police Department. There shall be no competitive promotional process for the rank of Captain.

b) A Lieutenant shall be automatically elevated to the rank of Captain effective July 1 of the year immediately following the completion of twenty-three (23) years of full-time law enforcement service, provided the Lieutenant is in good standing and has served as a Lieutenant for a minimum of (1) year at the time of eligibility.

c) Superior Officer Limitation.

The ranks of Lieutenant and Captain shall be collectively designated as "Superior Officers." At no time shall there be more than two (2) Superior Officers serving concurrently within the Borough of Riverdale Police Department.

(4) Chief of Police:

- a) Superior Officers (Lieutenants and Captains) shall be eligible to participate in the promotional process for the rank of Chief of Police, provided they have fifteen (15) years of federal, state, or local law enforcement experience (military police experience shall not count toward this requirement); ten (10) of those years must have been served with the Borough of Riverdale; and five (5) of those years must have been served holding the rank of Sergeant or above.
- b) Minimum Candidate Requirement for Chief of Police:

There must be a minimum of two (2) eligible candidates for the position of Chief of Police from the ranks of Superior Officers.

If fewer than two (2) Superior Officers meet the above eligibility requirements, then Sergeants who meet all other eligibility requirements shall be permitted to participate in the promotional process.

If there are still fewer than two (2) eligible candidates, the required years of service shall be reduced by one (1) year increments until at least two (2) eligible candidates are identified. All other eligibility requirements shall remain in effect unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026

Abubakar Jalloh, Borough Clerk

Paul M. Carelli, Mayor

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Riverdale, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, held on May 13, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at Borough Hall, in the Borough on June 10, 2026 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Abubakar Jalloh, Borough Clerk