

**CITY OF ABSECON**

**ORDINANCE 02-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABSECON,  
CHAPTER 35–FIRE DEPARTMENT, §35-6 – CHAIN OF COMMAND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Absecon City Council determined that it was in the best interest of the City so to establish the coordination of all public safety and emergency services under “one roof”, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and prudent to reexamine and amend these duties and responsibilities from time to time, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Absecon City Council has the desire to standardized specific non-operational policies and procedures amongst all public safety emergency services, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Absecon City Council is desirous of further distinguishing and clarifying the expanded duties of the Chief of Police in regards to the general oversight of all public safety and emergency services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABSECON CITY, NEW JERSEY** that Chapter 35-Fire Department, §35-6-Chain of Command be amended to as follows:

**§ 35-6. Chain of Command.**

Add – Paragraph A

A. the Chief of Police shall have general oversight authority of all public safety and emergency services and shall serve as the liaison for Governing Body with the Police Department, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Department. Pursuant to policies established by the Governing Body, the Chief of Police shall:

- (1) Conduct regular meetings with all department heads of Emergency Management and Fire Department to discuss, plan, budget and prepare comprehensive and coordinated plans to provide public safety and emergency services for the taxpayers of the City of Absecon.
- (2) Under the directive from the Governing Body, the Chief of Police shall research and study any matters of interest or concern concerning public safety and emergency services in the City of Absecon and provide the Governing Body the analysis and evaluation of this endeavor.
- (3) The Chief of Police shall regularly or as directed, meet with the Governing Body to discuss issues and/or recommendations as it may pertain to public safety and emergency services within the City of Absecon.

(4) Only the Governing Body is authorized to develop, establish and promulgate, rules, regulations or policies provided they do not interfere with the routine day-to-day operations of the Police Department, Officer of Emergency Management and Fire Department, except as permitted by law.

Amend – Paragraph B

B. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer and Captains shall be subject to the orders of the Chief Engineer, and the chain of command shall pass as follows; Chief of Police, Chief Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer, Captains and driver of the first apparatus.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that:

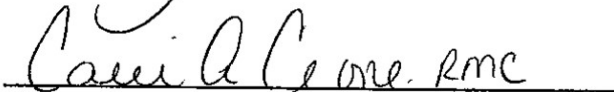
1. Any Ordinance or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by Law.

**Dated: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

SIGNED:

  
Kimberly Horton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Carie A. Crone, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Laid over and advertised for public hearing and final adoption on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Municipal Council of the City of Absecon at a regular meeting held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.