

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE  
PARK TO DESIGNATE THE  
“APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY”  
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 authorizes any municipality to create, by Ordinance, a Police Force; and

**WHEREAS,** the aforesaid Statute also provides the authorization to create the position of Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS,** notwithstanding the executive function of the Police Department and its Chief, the law provides that the Chief of Police shall be directly responsible to the “appropriate authority” for the efficiency and routine day to day operations of the Department and serve pursuant to policies established by that appropriate authority; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Statute, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the municipality to designate a committee as the “appropriate authority”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** Section 28-1.1 is hereby added:

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14-118 there is hereby established the “appropriate authority” which shall be a committee. The membership of the committee shall be the Mayor, Township Administrator and one member of the Township Committee who shall be designated as Police Liaison.

**SECTION TWO.**            **Repealer:**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

**SECTION THREE:**        **Severability:**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION FOUR:**

**Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST:

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VIRGINIA DE MARIA,  
Municipal Clerk

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FRANCIS VALENZUELA  
Mayor