

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
ORDINANCE 2010-14**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO CREATE THE POSITION OF SCHOOL  
CROSSING GUARD**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1 *et. seq.*, authorizes the Township to establish the position of Adult School Crossing Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, with the opening of the new Chesterfield Elementary School, almost half of the students will be capable of walking or bike riding to and from school; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Fall of 2009, the Chesterfield School Transportation Committee began meeting to evaluate and consider methods of transportation required for the new school and the safety of school aged children; and

**WHEREAS**, the need is apparent for School Crossing Guards in certain locations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Chapter 42 of the Code of the Township of Chesterfield be and is hereby supplemented to create the position of School Crossing Guard as follows:

**§ 42-25 School Crossing Guards.**

A. Creation of Position.

There is hereby created the position of School Crossing Guard. The total authorized number of School Crossing Guards shall be determined annually by the Township Committee considering, among other factors, the number of intersections requiring guards, the number of personnel required to meet the duties of a school crossing guard, and budgetary considerations.

B. Appointment and Qualifications.

(1) The governing body of the Township shall appoint school crossing guards for terms not exceeding one year upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

(2) No person shall be appointed as a school crossing guard unless he:

- (a) Is a citizen and resident of New Jersey;
- (b) Is sound in body and of good health;
- (c) Is of good moral character; and
- (d) Has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

(3) A school crossing guard may be a member of the police department and their powers and duties as a school crossing guard shall cease at the expiration of the term for which they were appointed. They shall not have the right to bear firearms or the power to arrest unless the crossing guard is also a member of the police department.

(4) Before being assigned to any post, a school crossing guard shall be provided with a uniform which shall identify their function and which shall be distinct from the uniform of a member of the regular police department. Such uniform shall include, but need not be limited to a safety vest, a hat and breast and hat badges which shall bear an identification number and the name of the municipality. A police officer appointed or assigned as a crossing guard shall wear such uniform as directed by the Chief of Police. All uniforms and badges shall be the property of Chesterfield Township and returned upon break in service with the municipality.

#### C. Powers and Duties.

(1) Training. Every school crossing guard shall be trained for the proper performance of their duties and responsibilities. Such training shall consist of a minimum of two (2) hours of classroom instruction which shall include information on methods of traffic control and the duties and responsibilities of school crossing guards and a minimum of twenty (20) hours of field training in which the trainee shall be supervised by an experienced school crossing guard or a regular police officer. This training requirement may be waived by the Chief of Police for a school crossing guard who is also a police officer. Training shall be coordinated through the Police Department.

(2) Stations; time periods. The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall have the right to position school crossing guards on any street or highway within the municipality; provided, however, that such guards may be stationed only

when it is necessary to control or direct vehicular or pedestrian traffic during those time periods of a school day when it is necessary to control traffic or during any special event involving pedestrian crossings whenever it is deemed to be in the interest of public safety.

(3) Pursuant to the authority set forth in Titles 39 and 40A of the State Statutes, school crossing guards shall have the authority to direct operators of motor vehicles approaching school crossings. This shall include the authority to direct operators of motor vehicles to stop their vehicles not less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) feet from the school crossing and to remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.

(4) The school crossing guard shall wear all assigned uniform components and carry all assigned equipment when performing these duties.

D. Compensation.

(1) Each school crossing guard shall be paid per shift for actual number of shifts worked, said rate to be determined annually by the Township Committee via Resolution; but shall be no less than \$ 10.00 and no more than \$ 30.00 per shift.

(2) The position of school crossing guard is a part time position.

(3) Crossing guards shall not be entitled to holiday pay, vacation or sick time, longevity pay, health and pension benefits unless required by State law as the same may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION TWO:** All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION THREE:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective,

**SECTION FOUR:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

***CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE***

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Introduced: July 22, 2010  
Adopted: