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An Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the Village Code of Ordinances-Boards and Commissions-Board of Police and Fire Commissioners (Lateral Transfer Application Program)

WHEREAS, a periodic review of the ordinances of the Village of Romeoville has indicated that certain revisions to the minimum qualifications to appointment as a sworn officer of the Village of Romeoville Police Department are necessary to permit the expansion of the pool of eligible applicants for the position to include lateral appointments of individuals presently serving as sworn law enforcement officers with law enforcement agencies in the State of Illinois whose knowledge, skills, abilities and level of experience meet specific and defined needs of the Romeoville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Romeoville is a home rule municipality under the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village to enact the amendments to Chapter 35 of the Village Code of Ordinances as more fully hereinafter set forth and in the exercise of the Village's home rule authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THAT:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 35.04. All those heretofore enacted ordinances of the Village codified as and for Chapter 35.04 of the Village Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

### 35.04 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS-NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners is hereby authorized to adopt further rules and regulations requiring candidates for new or initial appointment to the position of police officer in and for the village to possess at least one of the minimum qualifications set forth below:

(A) An associate's degree in law enforcement or criminal justice from an accredited Illinois junior or community college;

(B) A minimum of 60 credit hours toward completion of course work necessary to earn a Bachelor's Degree in any academic field from an accredited college or university;

(C) Be certified as a police officer having successfully completed the Minimum Standards Basic Law

Enforcement Training Course as required by the Illinois Police Training Act; or

(D) In lieu of the criteria set forth above, not less than 24 months in the active service of the United States Military, and an honorable discharge from such service, or in lieu of an honorable discharge, current service in an active or inactive reserve capacity.

**SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 35-ADOPTION OF NEW CHAPTER 35.05-MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS-LATERAL APPOINTMENTS.**

**35.05 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS-LATERAL APPOINTMENTS.**

(A) The Village of Romeoville Board of Fire and Police Commissioners may, as needed, appoint lateral transfer sworn officers from other law enforcement agencies in the State of Illinois, including municipal police departments, County Sheriff's departments, and the Illinois State Police, all in accordance with the requirements of Article 10, Division 2.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 et. seq.).

(B) The Village Manager may advise the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that a need for lateral transfer applicants has been identified within the Romeoville Police Department, and request the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to solicit and call for lateral transfer applicants for sworn officer positions within the Romeoville Police Department.

(C) All lateral transfer applicants for sworn officer positions within the Romeoville Police department shall possess the following minimum requirements, in addition to such other requirements as may be established by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, the Village Code of Ordinances, and the provisions of Article 10, Division 2.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code:

(1) State of Illinois Law Enforcement Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a law enforcement officer (part-time certification as a law enforcement officer does not meet this requirement).

(2) A minimum of two years of experience as a full time sworn law enforcement officer of a municipal police department, a County Sheriff's department or the Illinois State Police, and employed for one year since completion of a probationary period.

(3) Currently in good standing in the police department in which the lateral transfer applicant presently serves.

(4) Such knowledge, skills abilities and level of experience as are required by the call for lateral transfer applicants.

(D) The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners shall further be authorized to adopt further rules and regulations consistent with this Section 35.05 and with Article 10, Division 2.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code to establish and create a lateral transfer application program.

**SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY.** That the various provisions of this Ordinance are to be considered severable and if any part or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: CONFLICTS. All prior Ordinances and Resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.