

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST NORRITON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION #20-1648

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST NORRITON
TOWNSHIP APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the First Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, West Norriton Township (“the Township”) has been duly organized and recognized as a First Class Township in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, as a First Class Township, West Norriton is required to follow the civil service provisions of the First Class Township Code which govern the creation of the civil service commission, as well as the promulgation and amendment of its Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 630 of the First Class Township Code authorizes the Township’s Civil Service Commission to prescribe and amend rules and regulations governing the appointment, promotion and removal of police officers within the Township’s Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 630 of the First Class Township Code provides that, prior to any amendment of the Civil Service Commission’s Rules and Regulations becoming effective, the township’s board of commissioners must approve the amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Civil Service Commission has recently passed a resolution recommending a change to paragraph 3.5 of the document entitled “The Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission of West Norriton Township”; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Civil Service Commission has forwarded the amendment to the Board of Commissioners for its review, comment and approval prior to such document becoming effective; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the amendment submitted by the Township’s Civil Service Commission, it is the opinion of the Township’s Board of Commissioners that such amendments are in compliance with applicable law and will encourage a proper merit-based selection of individuals for appointment and provide for a larger pool of applicants.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township hereby resolves as follows:

The Board of Commissioners hereby deletes paragraph 3.5 of the document entitled "The Rules & Regulations of the Civil Service Commission of West Norriton Township" and replaces it with the following:

3.5 Every Applicant for any position in the Police Department shall possess a diploma from an accredited high school or a graduate equivalency diploma. In addition, every applicant must be a United States citizen, be physically and mentally fit to perform the full duties of a police officer, and, prior to appointment, possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Applicants are permitted to apply for the position of Patrol Officer while enrolled in an accredited Act 120 Program. However, all Applicants must possess a current Act 120 Certification or must have graduated from an accredited Act 120 Program by the date of appointment.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania has caused this Resolution to be adopted this 11th day of February 2020.

Attest:

Board of Commissioners
West Norriton Township

Jason M. Bobst, Manager

Martin Miller, President