

**BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 1083-2019

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE REQUIRING
BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN
BOROUGH PROGRAMS OR EVENTS WHICH INVOLVE MINORS**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough and the participants in the various Borough programs and Borough sponsored activities, that all volunteers who wish to participate in any such program or event must undergo background checks prior to said participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Article V, Chapter 2 of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Code, entitled "Background Checks of Volunteers Working is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2-49. Background Checks of Volunteers involved in Borough
Programs involving Minors**

2. As a condition of participation, the Borough Administrator or other designated individual shall conduct a criminal background check based on fingerprint identification, and such other investigation as deemed necessary, on all volunteers eighteen years of age or older seeking to participate in any Borough function, Borough program, Borough sponsored program, service or event which involves minors under the age of eighteen years of age. Approval of any volunteer shall be dependent on the results of the background check.

3. Any volunteer who has undergone the initial criminal background check as set forth in § 2-49.1, which is based on fingerprint identification and such other investigation as deemed necessary by the Borough Administrator, shall be exempt from re-examination for a period of three (3) years following completion of the initial investigation and approval as a volunteer. After the passage of three years from the initial criminal background investigation and every three (3) years thereafter during which the volunteer is still serving, all volunteers must re-submit to a background check, without fingerprinting required, unless the Borough Administrator determines that such background check with fingerprint identification is necessary at that time.

4. Any volunteer who has been convicted of any criminal offense of any nature after completion of the background check conducted by the Borough shall have an affirmative obligation to advise the Borough Administrator in writing of said conviction before volunteering any further for a Borough function, Borough sponsored program, service or event which involves minors under the age of eighteen years of age.

5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

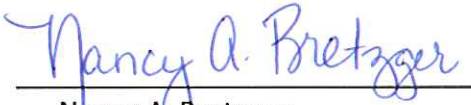
6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (i) adoption, and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Introduced: October 22, 2019

Adopted: November 12, 2019

Attest:



Nancy A. Bretzger
Borough Clerk



Gregory J. Skinner
Mayor