

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCE  
MANDATING TRAINING FOR APPOINTEES TO THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: Article VII Section 2 of Charter of the City of New Haven provides for the Board of Alders to establish minimum qualifications, training requirements or attributes for members of Boards and Commissions for the sole purpose of assuring diversity of experiences, backgrounds or attributes and continuing education necessary to the functioning of said Board or Commission; and

WHEREAS: one of the most significant Boards in the city is the Board of Police Commissioners; and

WHEREAS: this Board has multiple responsibilities related to governing the New Haven Department of Police Services; and

WHEREAS: in order to effectively carry out these duties, members of the Board of Police Commissioners should complete a mandatory training regimen within six months upon being approved to serve on the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the New Haven Board of Alders that a new section be added to the Code of Ordinances requiring completion of a mandatory training regimen within six months upon being approved to serve on the Board of Police Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the Mandatory Training Regimen for Board members include but not be limited to the following elements:

- A. Review of the bylaws of the commission and the general orders of the New Haven Department of Police Service
- B. City Ordinance & State Statute authorizing & empowering Police Commissions and Civilian Review Boards
- C. Freedom of Information Guidelines training
- D. An overview of the organizational structure of the New Haven Department of Police Service
- E. An overview of the Internal Affairs Unit
- F. A review of the current collective bargaining agreements concerning the New Haven Department of Police Service
- G. A ride along with a police officer.
- H. De-escalation & Use of Force familiarization
- I. Interview Techniques
- J. Parliamentary Procedures
- K. Emergency Communications

BE IT ALSO ORDAINED that 1) this training shall be coordinated by the training officer of the Department of Police Services; 2) completion of the training shall be certified by the Chief Administrative Officer and announced at a Board of Police Commissioners meeting and 3) a Certificate of Completion shall be provided to each commissioner upon finishing the mandatory training regimen and presented at a Board of Police Commissioners Meeting.