

ORDINANCE 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, TITLED “PUBLIC SAFETY,” TO AMEND SECTION 72-27, TITLED “SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,” TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERGEANT TO CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUPERVISOR.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has established the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer within Chapter 72, Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, Section 72-27 currently refers to certain designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers as “Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeants” or “Class One Sergeants”; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested that the title of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeant be changed to Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this amendment is to distinguish the Borough’s regular sworn police rank of Sergeant from the designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer position, and to reduce confusion regarding the authority and responsibilities associated with each role; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended as a title and nomenclature change only, and is not intended to alter the powers, duties, limitations, supervision, employment status, or statutory authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(f).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(f) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(f) The number of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers shall consist of a maximum of two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors and 18 Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(g).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(g) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(g) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for designating up to two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers who will hold the position of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor during their period of appointment.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 72-27D(2)(d).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(2)(d) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors will be responsible for the scheduling of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers to any given assignment at the direction of the Chief of Police or his direct designee.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5].

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5] of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

[5] Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors: minimum wage plus \$8 per hour.

SECTION 5. Construction.

This Ordinance shall be construed as a title and nomenclature amendment only. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a regular police rank, to modify the chain of command of the South River Police Department, to alter the statutory classification or authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer, to expand the duties of any Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer, or to modify the supervision and limitations otherwise applicable under Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

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

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification.

The Borough Clerk and/or the codifier are authorized and directed to make all necessary changes to the Code of the Borough of South River to reflect the amendments adopted herein.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 11th, 2026, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 8th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 5-11-26

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>						X
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

