THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 03-23

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBSTANTIVE UPDATES TO THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES

Introduced by: Councilwoman Paula Noble

Co-Sponsor: Mayor Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, The Town of Forest Heights Police Department utilizes Lexipol for the promulgation of the general orders, policy, and procedures for operations of the police department, which incorporate updated standard police policies and practices consistent with current Maryland law, United States case laws, and officer safety practices; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary on rare occasions to perform substantive updates to the General Orders, Policies, and procedures to ensure compliance with state, federal, and local law to maintain effective police services, order, discipline; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly passed HB670, "Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021- Police Discipline, and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures," which caused a comprehensive review, update, and procedural change to Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the State of Maryland and The Town of Forest Heights Police Department has completed its revisions, updates, and implementation of the requirements of HB670 within the general orders, policy, and procedures; and it was necessary to perform substantive updates to the General Orders, Policies, and procedures to ensure compliance with state, federal, and local law to maintain effective police services, order, discipline; and

WHEREAS, The Chief of Police is attesting that all required updates have now been completed and implemented related to the general orders, policies, and procedures. To maintain proper and effective public safety operations, the Chief of Police is requesting and recommending the Mayor and Town Council approve the updates to the general orders, policies, and procedures ensuring the Town of Forest Heights Police Departments continuity of services, operations, and legislative compliance; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, hereby accept the updates to the general orders, policy, and procedure manual (FH Police General Orders "Lexipol").

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Chief of Police shall ensure that the General Orders, Policy, and Procedures shall begin to be posted online for accessibility to the public no later than January 31st, 2023, along with any other mandated reports.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Internet and Technology (IT) Department or IT employee will maintain the website ensuring that all information is posted promptly as to comply with HB670 "Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021- Police Discipline and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures", to include but not limited to the departments general orders, policies, and procedures, any other information required and or requested by town staff to maintain compliance with state law, federal law, local law, ordinances, mandates, or continuity of government operations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 9ᵗʰ day of January 2023.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
LILLY	Yea
KENNEDY II	Yea
NOBLE	Yea
BARNES	N/P
HINES	Yea
WASHINGTON	Yea
ATKINSON	Absent

ATTEST:

Sherletta Hawkins
Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

By: _____
Calvin Washington, Mayor

By: _____
Troy Lilly, Council President

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CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 9th day of January 2023 with __5__ Aye votes and __0__ Nay (2/3rds supermajority) votes the aforesaid Resolution 03-23 passed.

Sherletta Hawkins

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

[Exhibit A – *PRGEOS COUNTY PAB AND HB670*]