

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF
WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH, YORK COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF
SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF EASTERN YORK SCHOOL
DISTRICT TO ASSUME HIRING AND OVERSIGHT OF
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

ORDINANCE 2014-1

WHEREAS, the Borough Wrightsville is situated within the Eastern York School District of York County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightsville believe that the best interest of the children of Eastern York School District who are citizens of Wrightsville Borough would be served by the Eastern York School District assuming responsibility for the hiring and oversight of the school crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pursuant to Section 1127 of the Act of February 1, 1966 as amended (the Pennsylvania Borough Code), the Borough is permitted to allow the Board of Directors of the East York School District to assume hiring and oversight of the school crossing guards upon the passage of an ordinance outlining how the Wrightsville Borough Police Department will provide any necessary training and assistance of the school crossing guards while on duty; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightsville desires to enact, adopt and ordain an ordinance authorizing the Board of School Directors of the East York School District to assume hiring and oversight of the school crossing guards and outlining how the Wrightsville Borough Police Department will provide any necessary training and assistance of the school crossing guards while on duty

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Wrightsville, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Board of Directors of the East York School District shall assume hiring and oversight of the school crossing guards located within the Borough of Wrightsville.

SECTION 2.

The Wrightsville Borough Police Department shall provide such training or assistance of the school crossing guards while on duty, as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police, from time to time.

SECTION 3.

The training shall consist of the following:

- a. Basic traffic laws of the community.
- b. School zone signage and pavement markings.
- c. Proper use and purpose of traffic signs and signals.
- d. Methods of signaling drivers and taking advantage of traffic gaps.

- e. Crossing procedures and ways to teach them to children.
- f. Site-specific traffic factors and potential traffic hazards.
- g. Professional work responsibilities, including agency rules and regulations, who the guard's supervisor is, the proper chain of command and legal aspects of the job.
- h. Proper attire and behavior to remain safe and to project a positive public image. For example, while on the job, a guard should not wear clothing that is in poor taste or that promotes alcohol, tobacco or similar products. Also, a guard should not carry or use tobacco products or use foul language. Adult school crossing guards project a positive public image and serve as a role model for children.
- i. Proper use of safety equipment.
- j. Procedures for crashes involving adult school crossing guards and children on their way to or from school.
- k. Emergency procedures and procedures involving suspicious persons or activities appearing detrimental to children.
- l. Protecting the health and welfare of the guard while working, including topics such as proper attire to increase visibility, the need for hydration, sun protection, bee sting treatment and how to respond to threats from loose dogs.

SECTION 4.

Such school crossing guards shall be authorized only in the management of traffic and pedestrians in and around areas identified by the Wrightsville Borough Police Department and the Eastern York School District Superintendent or his or her designees.

SECTION 5.

The school crossing guards shall not come within the civil service provision of the Act above referred to, nor shall they fall under the bargaining unit of the School District nor be considered an employee as defined under Section 1 101-A of the Act of March 10, 1949, known as the "Public School Code of 1949", or a school employee as defined under 24 PA C.S. Section 8102 (relating to definitions), or under any plans hereafter effective.

SECTION 6.

The Eastern York School District shall assume all cost of compensation, equipment and training, including fixing such compensation, if any, of the school crossing guards.

SECTION 7.

Auxiliary police officers, appointed as prescribed by general law, may be hired by the Eastern York School District to serve as school crossing guards.

SECTION 8.

The Eastern York Board of School Directors shall notify the Wrightsville Borough Council of those hired to serve as school crossing guards and shall further hold Wrightsville Borough harmless from and indemnify Wrightsville Borough from any and all claim or claims made, suits, judgments or recovery of any nature or kind resulting from the action or actions or lack thereof by or on account of any such school crossing guard, designated or appointed by the Eastern York School District pursuant to this Ordinance, and shall provide to Wrightsville Borough an agreement providing for such indemnification.

SECTION 9.

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after adoption.

SECTION 10.

Any Ordinance conflicting or inconsistent with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this 19th day of May, 2014, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightsville.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wiles
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
WRIGHTSVILLE:

By: Gregory A. Ditchfield
Borough Council President

APPROVED, this 19th day of May, 2014, by the Mayor of the Borough of Wrightsville.

ATTEST:

Melissa Wiles
Borough Secretary

Phil Mitchell
Mayor

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