TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield, in the County of Union that the position of Municipal Public Defender shall be established in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 256. The Public Defender shall be licensed to practice law in New Jersey and shall serve for a term of one (1) year from the date of appointment.

Section II. It shall be the duty of the Municipal Public Defender(s) to represent, except in the case of temporary unavailability or conflict of interest, any defendant charged with an offense in the Municipal Court who is an indigent municipal defendant entitled to representation pursuant to P.L. 1997, Chapter 256.

Section III. The Municipal Public defender shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.

(a) A person applying for representation by the Municipal Public Defender(s), or court approved counsel, shall pay an application fee of \$200.00. In accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Supreme Court, the Municipal Court may waive any required application fee, in whole or in part, only if the court determines, in its discretion, upon a clear and convincing showing by the applicant, that the applicant application fee represents an unreasonable burden on the person seeking representation. The Municipal Court may permit a person to pay the application fee over a specific period of time not to exceed (4) four months.

(b) Funds collected pursuant to sub-section (a) of this section shall be deposited in a dedicated fund administered by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township. Such funds shall be used exclusively to meet the costs incurred in providing services of a Municipal Public Defender including, when required, expert and lay investigation and;

Section V. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.

David P. Wright, Sr.

Motioned by: Regina Kelly Schultz

Seconded by: Eugene P. Moccia

Introduced: December 15, 1997

Adopted: December 29, 1997

Elaine Heuser
Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on December 15, 1997 and will be considered for public hearing and final adoption at a Special Meeting of the Township Committee to be held on December 29, 1997 at 5:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, NJ, 07036.

Elaine Heuser Township Clerk

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The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on December 15, 1997 and was approved for adoption on final reading after advertisement and Public Hearing at a Special Meeting of the Township Committee held on December 29, 1997.

Elaine Heuser Township Clerk

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