

Police Department Residency Policy

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Background

The Town Council of the Town of Amherst has determined that it is desirable for police officers employed by the Town of Amherst to live in the Town for the following reasons:

1. Availability of such officers to work in the event of emergency, inclement weather, vehicle breakdown, etc.;
2. Enhanced safety of individuals who live in the same neighborhood as a police officer. This will also help make those neighborhoods more desirable and therefore positively influence property values; and
3. Reduced Town costs due to lower gasoline expenses and less wear and tear on police vehicles.

Policy

All sworn officers employed by the Town of Amherst Police Department on a full-time basis shall be residents of the Town of Amherst or live in a permanent residence within two miles of the corporate limits of the Town of Amherst within ninety (90) days of their first day on the job and must continue to live within this specified area as a condition of continued employment.

This policy shall supersede any prior policy on police residency requirements.