# TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01**

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CHAPTER 93, ARTICLE III, SECTION 27

**WHEREAS**, on December 22, 2022, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law New Jersey's comprehensive gun safety legislation A4769/S3214, which includes firearm fee increases to cover the costs of investigation, administration, and processing of permit applications to carry handguns.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), established fees for the Police Department as set forth in Chapter 93, Article III, Section 27; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township to update those fees in accordance with the changes to the New Jersey law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that §93-27 of the Code of the Township of Cranford is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 93, Article III, Section 27 shall be amended as follows:

### §93-27 Charges and fees.

The following fees are hereby fixed and established for reproduction of records, services extended and materials distributed by the Cranford Police Department, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., and any other fees shall be governed by Chapter 106, Records, of this Code:

#### A. Special service charges.

- (1) In addition to actual copying costs, additional fees may be assessed at the discretion of the Deputy Custodian of Records for the Cranford Police Department for records searches, voluminous copy making, records reproduction in a medium other than photocopying and other matters of a specialized nature.
- (2) A deposit may be required if the estimated cost of reproduction and/or special service charges is estimated to exceed \$20.

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- (3) The costs of videotape, diskette, CD, or other material used for reproduction of electronic records is included in the service fee pertaining to the particular medium of reproduction.
- B. All diskettes, CDs, and any other electronic reproduction materials shall be supplied by the Cranford Police Department. Under no circumstances will a customer's materials or equipment be used for the reproduction of any record.
- C. For all records requested by mail, the applicable postage will be added to the fees referenced in this section.
- D. Miscellaneous document and charge fees.
  - (1) Firearms, identification card: \$550
  - (2) Firearms, permits to purchase: \$225.
- (3) Firearms, permit to carry: \$200, of which \$50 shall be remitted to the Superintendent of State Police to be deposited into the "Victims of Crime Compensation Office Account."
- **SECTION 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.
  - **SECTION 3.** All ordinances of the Township that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- **SECTION 4.** Upon final passage and publication according to law, this ordinance shall become effective immediately as required by law.

Introduced: January 24, 2023
Adopted: February 21, 2023

APPROVED:

Brian Andrews, Chairman
Township Committee

ATTEST:

Patricia Donahue, RMC Municipal Clerk

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| RECORDED VOTE          | INTRODUCED | ADOPTED |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| Brian Andrews          | Aye        | Aye     |
| Jason Gareis           | Aye        | Aye     |
| Terrence Curran        | Aye        | Aye     |
| Kathleen Miller Prunty | Aye        | Aye     |
| Gina Black             | Aye        | Aye     |
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