RESOLUTION 2025-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township Police Department (the "Department") has decided it is in the best interest of the Department and Colts Neck Township (the "Township) to amend the Department's Rules and Regulations General Order (the "General Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Township, in conjunction with the Department, wish to amend the General Order's Chapter 3, Section 8.7.3; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the General Order's Chapter 3, Section 8.7.3 are meant to update the Department's rules and regulations regarding tattoos or similar markings; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township herby authorizes amendments to the Colts Neck Township Police Department's Rules and Regulations General Order, and such amendments shall be made to Chapter 3, Section 8.7.3 of the General Order, and such amendment shall add the following language to 3:8.7.3 (such amended language noted in underlined text below):

"The following tattoos, scarifications and brands are prohibited:

a. Any tattoo, scarification or brand located on the hand, head, face, or neck. Tattoos that depict racist, indecent, extremist, lawless or offensive themes. A tattoo is considered "offensive" if it can be construed to be obscene, sexist, racist, vulgar, antisocial, violent, sexually suggestive, profane, or advocates or symbolizes gang or extremist groups, or discriminates against any person by virtue of words, symbols, or pictures in the tattoo, scarifications or brands. The Chief of Police or his designee will have the discretion of determining the appropriateness of the tattoo, scarifications and brands."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Administrator, Mayor, and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to make such amendments to the Colts Neck Township Police Department's Rules and Regulations General Order. A copy of the amended General Order shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Daniel DeVito, Township Chief of Police
2. Kathleen Capristo, Township Administrator;
3. John Antonides, Township Chief Financial Officer;
4. Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq., Township Attorney.

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during a regular meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2025

Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Buss		X			
Deputy Mayor Viola		X			
Buzzetta		X			
Fitzpatrick	S	X			
Rizzuto	M	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					