BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Two Thousand and One

Ordinance 01-08

To amend Part 2, Section 2 of the Barnstable County Administrative Code to add and amend language for the Department of Public Safety, to delete current subsection (c) (ii), fire training academy from the powers, duties and responsibilities and renumber the following subsections accordingly.

**Barnstable County hereby ordains:**

To amend Section 2.15 (b) and (c) of the Barnstable County Administrative Code to read as follows:

Section 2.15 Department of Public Safety

(a) Department Generally

There shall be a Department of Public Safety under the direction of the Director of Public Safety.

(b) Director of Public Safety

The County Sheriff, elected by the voters, shall by virtue of such election also serve as the Director of Public Safety, provided, however, that if the Office of County Sheriff shall cease to be a County office or its relationship to the County government is otherwise altered by state law, the Board of County Commissioners shall relieve the County Sheriff of responsibilities as Director of Public Safety. In the event of the full assumption of costs by the Commonwealth of the maintenance and operation of the Barnstable County Jail and House of Correction and Department of Public Safety, nothing in this Administrative Code shall be construed or considered to be a transfer of other statutorily authorized facilities and functions of the Office of County Sheriff including all books, papers, records, documents, equipment, land, interest in land, buildings, facilities and other property, both real and personal, which, immediately prior to the effective date of this Code, are in the custody of the County Sheriff and/or the Board of County Commissioners.

(c) Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

The Department of Public Safety shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(i) to maintain a bureau of criminal investigation and a school for the training of deputy sheriffs, constables, and police officers and shall provide such instruction in the use of firearms, criminal investigation and detection, the prosecution of criminal cases in court and such other instruction as may be necessary for thorough training of persons in the prevention, detection and prosecution of crime; and to provide technical assistance to deputy sheriffs, constables and police officers in criminal investigations and for assisting the County Sheriff in criminal matters;

(ii) to maintain a radio broadcasting system for use in police work and for the promotion of public safety;

(iii) to maintain a drug-abuse information bureau which may collect, receive and disseminate to appropriate law-enforcement agencies information relative to illegal traffic in narcotic drugs, identify persons engaged in such traffic and information relative thereto as will aid in the enforcement of laws relative to the sale, possession or use of narcotic drugs;

(iv) to establish and maintain such programs, activities and administrative support services to render police, fire-protection, emergency or civil-defense services to municipal governments within the County as may be required in accordance with any contract with one or more such municipalities;
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and

(v) to coordinate activities with the Office of the County Sheriff. The department shall have such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be provided by County ordinance of this Administrative Code.

Adopted on April 4, 2001 by the Assembly of Delegates.

Thomas Bernardo, Speaker

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners, April 25, 2001, at 10:00 A.M.