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# NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH

LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 601

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11 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH**  
12 **CODE CHAPTER 1 (ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNMENT) BY**  
13 **AMENDING PART 5 (POLICE DEPARTMENT) TO ADD A NEW**  
14 **SECTION 505 (SPECIAL EVENT OFFICERS) TO CREATE A**  
15 **SPECIAL POLICE FORCE WITH LIMITED AUTHORITY**  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the New Holland Borough Police Department (herein also (“**NHPD**”)) used  
18 to rely on the local fire police provided by the local fire departments to assist with traffic,  
19 pedestrian, and/or animal control; special events; and other assignments not requiring a regular  
20 police officer.

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22 **WHEREAS**, the fire departments no longer desire or are not able to provide fire police to  
23 assist the NHPD.

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Council of New Holland Borough (herein also “**NHB**”) desires to create  
26 a special police force with limited powers to assist the NHPD with the same type of matters that  
27 the fire police previously handled.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the New  
30 Holland Borough Council (herein also “**Council**”) that the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of  
31 New Holland (herein also “**Code**”), Chapter 1 (Administration & Government), Part 5 (Police  
32 Department), as follows:

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34 **Section 1. Amendments.** Code Chapter 1 (Administration & Government), Part 5  
35 (Police Department) is amended by adding a new Section 505 (Special Events Officers) as  
36 follows:  
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38 **§505. Special Events Officers.** Council declares its intent to create and  
39 does hereby create a special police force comprised of qualified individuals who  
40 shall each be called a “Special Event Officer” (herein also “**SEO**”), who shall  
41 have limited authority to assist with traffic, pedestrian, and/or other control;  
42 special events; and other assignments made or required by the NHPD Chief of  
43 Police (herein also “**Chief**”) in order to assist or supplement the NHPD.

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45 **i. Duties and Limited Authority of SEOs.** SEOs shall perform such  
46 duties as may be assigned to them by the Chief, who shall have charge of

47 all SEOs. These duties may include, without limitation, such matters as  
48 providing assistance at special events, serving in traffic or pedestrian  
49 control positions, acting as crossing guards, and undertaking such other  
50 assignments as the Chief may determine is not inconsistent with the intent  
51 of this Part 5. It shall be understood that SEOs shall NOT have the same  
52 police powers, nor the same criminal and/or traffic enforcement powers, as  
53 regular NHPD police officers. SEOs shall not display nor be issued any  
54 badge. Uniforms shall display on the front and back the words "Special  
55 Event Officer", and shall NOT display the words "police" or "special  
56 police".

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58 **ii. Nomination, Confirmation, Approval, & Oaths of SEOs.** The  
59 Chief shall, from time to time, nominate an individual to serve as an SEO  
60 if they have satisfactorily completed such training as the Chief may  
61 prescribe and/or may be prescribed by law. All such persons so nominated  
62 shall, before they enter upon their duties, be as sworn or affirmed by the  
63 NHB Mayor or Magisterial District Justice.

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65 **iii. Compensation of SEOs.** The compensation of persons serving as  
66 an SEO shall be as determined by the Borough Manager from time to  
67 time.

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69 **iv. Standard Operating Procedures.** The Chief shall adopt and  
70 implement polices specifying standard operating procedures, rules, and  
71 regulations for SEOs,  
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73 **Section 2. Severability.** If any article, part, section, provision, regulation,  
74 limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance shall, for any reason,  
75 be declared to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such  
76 decision shall not affect nor impair the validity of this Ordinance or any other remaining article,  
77 part, section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or  
78 remaining portion of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of Council that this  
79 Ordinance would have been adopted had such illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid article, part,  
80 section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, or word not been  
81 included herein.

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83 **Section 3. Repealer.** All other ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent or in  
84 conflict with this or other ordinances, codes, regulations, rules, and policies of NHB and the  
85 NHPD are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

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87 **Section 4. Continuing Validity.** Except as specifically described in this Ordinance,  
88 all relevant codes, ordinances, regulations, rules, and policies of NHB and the NHPD shall  
89 remain in full force and effect as previously enacted and amended.

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91 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being

92 duly enacted.

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94 **ENACTED AND ORDAINED** on April 2, 2024 in lawful session duly assembled.

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96 **ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF NEW HOLLAND**

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

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**Richard Fulcher**

By:   
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100 **Borough Secretary**

**Patrick Morgan**  
*Borough Council President*

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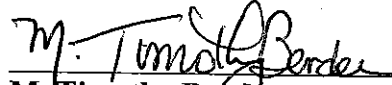
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**APPROVED** on April *2nd*, 2024 by:

  
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**M. Timothy Bender**  
*New Holland Borough Mayor*

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