

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 04

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 129.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Whereas, the Village of New London, Ohio operates a Reserve Police Unit within the Police Department, whereby volunteers provide additional help to safeguard and protect the general health, welfare, and safety of the citizens and their property; and .

Whereas, the State of Ohio, through the enactment of Senate Bill 11, has established a program to provide funding to assist families of such volunteers who may be severely injured or killed in the line of duty; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LONDON, HURON COUNTY, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. That there is hereby enacted a new Section 129.03, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, which shall read as follows:

129.03 Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund Board

(A) There is hereby created Volunteer Police Officers Dependents Fund Board to serve the Village of New London, Ohio, consisting of five members, appointed as follows:

- 1) Two members shall be appointed by the Village Council;
- 2) Two members shall be elected from among the membership in the New London Reserve Police Unit; and
- 3) One member to be selected by the other members of the Board, who must be a registered voter but not be an employee or officer of the Village.

Members shall serve terms running from January 1, through the end of each calendar year.

(B) The Board shall designate from among its members a Chairperson and a Secretary, and shall meet and carry out its proceedings in accordance with Chapter 143, Ohio Revised Code.

(C) The board shall receive applications for benefits under the State's Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund and shall meet not later than five days after receipt of a claim for benefits to determine the validity of the claim. If the board determines that the claim is valid, it shall make a determination of the amount due and certify its determination to the director of commerce for payment. If the board determines that a claimant is ineligible for benefits, the board shall deny the claim and issue to the claimant a copy of its order. The procedures and standards for evaluating such claims shall be in compliance with Revised Code Chapter 143.

Section 2. The Fiscal Officer shall issue payment to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio for assessments due and payable for the support of the Volunteer Peace Officers'

Dependent Fund, as required by law. Funds for this purpose shall be paid from the following Account(s): General

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and for the welfare of the citizens of the Village, and for the further reason that it is necessary to that this measure become effective immediately in order to establish this Board as required by State law, and that, provided it receives the majority vote of two-thirds or more of those elected to Council, this Ordinance shall therefore take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, and otherwise it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 25, 2016


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nancy Howell
FISCAL OFFICER