

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4 OF 2018

WHEREAS, Westchester County is committed to establishing a system of transparency in government operations so as to promote accountability and provide information freely to its residents;

WHEREAS, the issue of the appointments of “Police Chaplains” to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety needs to be addressed directly so as to alleviate potential ethical concerns; and

WHEREAS, Section 213.111 of the Laws of Westchester County authorizes the Westchester County Executive to appoint chaplains to serve in the Department of Corrections which department, in turn, can assign the chaplains to other county departments requiring their service; and

WHEREAS, upon inquiry, the chaplains currently servicing the Department of Corrections have been subject to background checks due to the sensitive security issues associated with correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the chaplains servicing the Department of Corrections have not been designated to serve in the Department of Public Safety or any other County departments; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish and memorialize by Executive Order these requirements and approvals by which chaplains are designated to be “Police Chaplains” associated with the Department of Public Safety;

NOW THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of the County of Westchester, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of Westchester County, hereby declare that it is

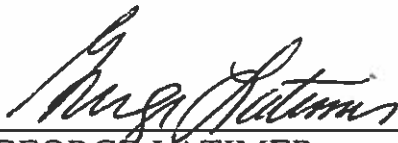
RESOLVED, that chaplains to be designated as “Police Chaplains” associated with the Department of Public Safety must:

- Be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety;
- Be a clergy member;
- Reside in Westchester or be the religious leader of a Westchester congregation;
- Serve without compensation;

- Be included on a list containing the names of the Police Chaplains which the Commissioner of Public Safety shall provide to the County Executive, the County Attorney and the Chair of the Board of Legislators twice a year, once in January and once in July and such list is to be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all requests for consideration to be designated as a Police Chaplain must be addressed to the Commissioner of Public Safety, with copies of such requests provided to the County Executive, the County Attorney and the Chairman of the Board of Legislators; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.



GEORGE LATIMER

County Executive

Dated: January 25, 2018

White Plains, New York