**TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD**

**LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2024**

**A RESOUTION FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS.”**

**Be it enacted** by the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of North Hempstead to amend Chapter 23 Article 11 of the Town Code adding the function of “Harbormaster” as defined pursuant to the Criminal Procedure Law, Section 2.10(19), to the powers and responsibilities of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

**Section 2.**

Chapter 23 of the Town Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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[§ 23-11.2 Department established; Commissioner.](file:///C:\Users\sternbergw\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\ecode$\Archives\Current\9299558_All.htm#9299560)

1. There is hereby established in the Town of North Hempstead a Department of Public Safety.
2. The chief executive officer and administrative head of such Department shall be the Commissioner, who shall be appointed by the Town Board for the term fixed by law and at such salary as may be fixed by the Town Board. They Commissioner shall be appointed on the basis of his administrative and practical experience and education, as well as such additional standards as may be required by law or the Town Board. The Commissioner shall be the head of the Department with power and authority to appoint and remove officers and employees under his jurisdiction in accordance with Civil Service Law and other applicable laws. He may appoint one Deputy, who may act generally for the Commissioner in the absence of the Commissioner, and one Assistant. **The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner shall serve the function of “Harbormaster” as defined pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law § 210.10(19); provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to authorize the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to carry, possess, repair or dispose of a firearm.**
3. Before entering upon the duties of office, the Commissioner shall execute and file with the Town Clerk an official undertaking, if the same is required by the Town Board, in such sum as is prescribed by the Town Board and in such form as is approved by the Town Attorney.

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**Section 3.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.