

**VILLAGE OF WINDHAM
OHIO
ORDINANCE O-2014-11**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY REQUIRING POLICE OFFICERS TO HAVE BULLET PROOF VESTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE TO ASSIST IN THE COST OF ACQUIRING THE BULLET PROOF VESTS.

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Village of Windham Police Department has determined that is appropriate for police officers to wear a bullet proof vest when the officer is on duty in the Village; and

WHEREAS, upon review the Safety Committee of the Village Council has reviewed the determination of the Police Chief and indorses the Police Chief decision to require bullet proof vests for all officers; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is appropriate to enact a code section requiring a bullet proof vest for police officers and setting forth the use of the employees clothing allowance to reimburse the Village for the cost of acquiring a bullet vest for police officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Windham, County of Portage, State of Ohio, a majority or more of the members thereto elected concurring that:

Section 1: Windham Codified Ordinance 139.01 sub-paragraph (g) as is set forth of the attached Exhibit "A" is hereby enacted.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

First Reading 03/18/14

Second Reading 04/24/14

Third Reading 05/29/14

Passed by Vote of Council on the 29th of May, 2014.

Vote of Council: Ayes: Ms. Blewitt, Mr. Slusher, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Prem

Nays: None.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Solicitor, Thomas Reitz

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EXHIBIT "A"

(g) In addition to all the uniform requirements set forth in this Section 139.01, each officer is required to have and wear on duty a bullet proof vest. In the event an officer elects not to provide his own bullet proof vest the Village will supply a vest upon the following terms:

(1) In the year that the Village supplies an officer with a bullet proof vest \$150.00 of the clothing allowance established for the officer through the other subsections of this Codified Ordinance Section shall be applied toward the purchase of the bullet proof vest.

(2) In each of the next subsequent four years, one quarter of the purchase price of the bullet proof vest shall be deemed paid for by the officer. This deduction of one quarter of the purchase price of the bullet proof vest shall not be applied to or used against the officer's clothing allowance for that year. After full five years the bullet proof vest acquired through the Village will be owned outright by the officer, and the officer shall have no further obligation to the Village with respect to the vest.

(3) In the event an officer leaves employment as a police officer with the Village before the total cost of the bullet proof vest has been paid to the Village under the arrangements set forth in subsection (2) of section, the outstanding amount owed to the Village shall be deducted from the final pay to the officer.

(4) If the Village receives grant funds to assist in the acquisition of bullet proof vests the Chief of Police is authorized to vary from the provisions set forth in this section, but only to the extent it is necessary to comply with the applicable terms of the grant.