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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

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ARTICLE I

Residency Requirements

[Adopted 10-23-1989 by L.L. No. 4-1989]

§ 14-1. Village Clerk/Treasurer; Deputy Clerk; Registrar of Vital Statistics; Superintendent of Public Works. [Amended 5-14-2007 by L.L. No. 1-2007]

The following designated officers of the Village of Champlain need not reside within the Village of Champlain but must reside within the County of Clinton and State of New York:

- A. Village Clerk/Treasurer.
- B. Deputy Village Clerk.
- C. Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- D. Superintendent of Public Works.

ARTICLE II

Village Constables**[Adopted 12-10-1990 by L.L. No. 3-1990]****§ 14-2. Office created.**

There is hereby created in the Village of Champlain the office of Village Constable.

§ 14-3. Appointment; organization; term.

The Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Trustees, may appoint as many Constables as he/she shall determine to be necessary and may designate one of such Constables to be the Chief Constable of the Village. Such Constables may be organized as a Village Constable force, as shall be determined by the Village Board of Trustees. The term of office of each Constable shall be one year.

§ 14-4. Powers and duties.

All Constables shall be peace officers as defined in the Criminal Procedure Law of New York and are authorized, in addition to all other powers, rights, duties and responsibilities incumbent upon such office, to issue appearance tickets relating to enforcement of any statute, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation affecting the public health, safety and welfare.

§ 14-5. Rules and regulations.

The Mayor is authorized to make rules and regulations as may be required for the efficient administration of such Constable force and shall also provide, within the limits of any appropriation and subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees:

- A. That the Constable will be trained as a peace officer as required by § 230 of the Criminal Procedure Law.
- B. Liability insurance for such Constables, which shall protect the Constables and Village from acts of liability that may arise during the performance of duties as Constables.
- C. Workers' compensation, accidental injury insurance, disability insurance or life insurance as shall be agreed to between the Constables and the Village.
- D. For the payment of Constables for services rendered upon an hourly basis or other basis and for the assignment of Constables to duty.
- E. Uniforms and equipment for Constables as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the duties of the office.
- F. Authorization for the carrying of firearms only when trained to the minimum standards required of police officers.

ARTICLE III

Village Justice Abolished**[Adopted 12-12-2005 by L.L. No. 1-2006, approved at referendum 3-21-2006]****§ 14-6. Amendment to Code.**

The Officers and Employees Law is hereby amended to add the following.

§ 14-7. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain, Clinton County, New York to abolish and to terminate the position of the Village Justice, pursuant to its authority under Village Law §§ 3-301, 3-302 and 3-303. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain, New York to terminate the Village Justice position which is due to expire on March 28, 2006.

§ 14-8. Date of termination of position.

On April 1, 2006, the Champlain Village Justice Court would cease to exist.

§ 14-9. Adjudication by town courts.

Town courts will adjudicate, on or after April 1, 2006, all matters necessitating the intervention of the local Justice Court system, both criminal and civil actions, and actions originating in the Village of Champlain or adjudicated in the Village of Champlain Court System shall be docketed in the Town of Champlain Justice Court.

§ 14-10. Filing of law with local and state authorities.

Within five days of the effective date of this article, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain shall file a copy of such local law with the Clerk of the Town of Champlain and with the State Office of Court Administration.

§ 14-11. Approval at referendum.

This article was subject to permissive referendum by the qualified vote, which was submitted and duly passed by a majority vote of the qualified voters on March 21, 2006.