

CHAPTER 259
FORMERLY
SENATE BILL NO. 154
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Section 8.1.1 of the Charter of the Town of South Bethany as follows:

8.1.1 Appointment and Removal. The Town Council may appoint a Town Manager who shall be the chief managerial administrative officer of the Town. All departments in the Town, including the Police Department, shall report directly to the Town Manager. The terms and conditions of such employment shall be included in a written agreement between the Town Council and the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall be appointed solely on the basis of professional, executive, and administrative qualifications and experience. Such person shall reside no farther than thirty (30) miles from the Town. No member of the Town Council may serve as Town Manager unless he or she first resigns. Subject to any limitations set forth in the written agreement between the Town Manager and the Town Council, the Town Manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council. In case of the temporary absence, disability, or other interruption of service of the Town Manager, the Town Council may designate some other competent person to perform the duties of the office during such period.

Section 2. Amend Section 17.2 of the Charter of the Town of South Bethany as follows:

17.2 Police Department Administration. Subject to the supervision of the Town Manager, the Chief of Police shall be responsible for the operational control, management, and administration of the Police Department.

Section 3. Amend Section 17.4 of the Charter of the Town of South Bethany as follows:

17.4 Beach Patrol. There shall be a Beach Patrol, the number of which shall be determined by the Town Council. The Town Council shall have the power to establish administrative rules and regulations governing the qualifications of members of the Beach Patrol; provided, however, that each member of the Beach Patrol shall pass a test substantially equal to the test required of a senior lifesaver by the American Red Cross. The primary responsibility of the Beach Patrol shall be the preservation of human life on and adjacent to all beaches of the Town. In addition, the Beach Patrol shall have such other related duties as the Town Manager may prescribe.

Approved June 7, 2018