

**CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO**  
**Ordinance**

**NO. 25-013**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING § 135.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS TO PERMIT A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TO OBTAIN HIS OR HER PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION FROM THE OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF TAKING THE WRITTEN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, to become a police officer in the City, potential candidates must, in addition to other things, pass a written examination that tests a candidate's aptitude and knowledge pertaining to the position of police officer.

**WHEREAS**, a potential candidate must also receive a peace officer certificate from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy ("OPOTA Certification").

**WHEREAS**, a potential candidate currently is required to obtain his or her OPOTA Certification prior to taking the written examination for the position of police officer.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the Struthers Police Department has requested that potential candidates for the position of police officer be permitted to obtain his or her OPOTA Certification after taking the written examination but prior to the candidate being hired by the Struthers Police Department.

**WHEREAS**, the City's Civil Service Commission has requested that this Council approve a potential candidate's ability to obtain his or her OPOTA Certification after taking the written examination.

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that authorizing a potential candidate's ability to receive his or her OPOTA Certification after taking the written examination is in the best interest of the police department and the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio,  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1:** § 135.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Struthers is hereby created to read as follows:

**135.07 OPOTA CERTIFICATION**

Any potential candidate for the position of police officer in the City may receive his or her peace officer certification from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy within six (6) months after taking the written civil service examination. However, no potential candidate for the position of police officer shall be hired within six (6) months after taking the written civil service examination unless the candidate has received his or her peace officer certification from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

**SECTION 2:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were passed 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 action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2025.

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL - Pro Tem

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2025.

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2025.

  
MAYOR

POSTED ON STRUTHERS CITY WEBSITE & STRUTHERS SOCIAL MEDIA

DATE: February 15, 2025

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL