

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### City of Newburgh Civil Service Commission Announces Police Officer Exams

#### Spanish-Speaking Police Officer Exam Offered Again

The City of Newburgh is once again offering a civil service examination geared toward Spanish-speaking police officers, as well one for non-Spanish speaking candidates. This is the second time the Spanish-speaking Police Officer exam has been offered; the last time was in 2004.

Applications are currently being accepted for both exams: #66384, Police Officer, and #66385, Spanish Speaking Police Officer. The last filing date for both is October 10, 2007. The exams will be held November 17, 2007. The starting salary for both positions is \$45,587. Successful applicants will be placed on an eligibility list to fill vacancies which may occur during the life of the list.

Mayor Nicholas Valentine stated, “It is absolutely crucial that our public safety personnel are able to relate to and communicate with all our residents. With this in mind, we have offered both Police and Firefighter exams in Spanish. We are very proud that through this outreach effort, City of Newburgh residents have been among the successful applicants to join the ranks of the Fire Department, and we hope this trend will continue in the Police Department.”

City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane added, “By recruiting bilingual personnel for our Police and Fire Departments, as well as other city departments, we are helping to ensure that we are meeting our goal of providing the highest quality service to our residents, not only during times of emergency, but in every-day dealings with city government.”

The following information applies to both exams:

- **Residency Requirement:** Candidate must be a legal resident of Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, Putnam, Rockland, or Westchester County at the time of application. Preference may be given to successful candidates who have been

legal residents of the City of Newburgh for at least one month prior to application and continuously up to appointment. Proof of residency is required. Throughout the existence of the resulting eligible list, the candidate must notify the Civil Service Commission of any change in address.

- **Filing fee:** A non-refundable filing fee of \$40 is required for each separately numbered exam.
- **Age:** Candidates must be at least 19 years of age at the time of the exam, and 20 years old to be appointed as a police officer. Candidates past their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday are not eligible to apply, except under certain circumstances related to military service.
- **Minimum qualifications:** Candidates must be graduates from high school or its equivalent; must possess a United States citizenship at time of appointment; must have a valid New York State driver's license; and must live within a 25-mile radius of the City of Newburgh.
- **Criminal record:** Conviction of a felony crime will bar and conviction of a misdemeanor may bar participation in examination and appointment. A background check will be conducted prior to appointment.

Applications may be picked up at the City of Newburgh Civil Service Department, City Hall, 83 Broadway, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information please call Civil Service Administrator Michelle Mills at 569-7340, or visit [www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov). Click on "Employment" for details.