

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE NO. ORD:16/17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING CHAPTER IV, TITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT", TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4-8, TITLED "STIPEND PLAN" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. An Ordinance amending Chapter IV, titled "Fire Department" to add a new Section 4-8, titled "Stipend Plan", of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Watchung as follows:

§4-8 STIPEND PLAN

§4-8.1 Stipend Plan Created

When provided for in the annual budget of the Borough of Watchung, the members of the Fire Department of the Borough of Watchung, or of the Watchung Chemical Engine Company, Inc., may receive a stipend based upon the criteria established by this Ordinance.

§4-8.2 Period of Stipend

The stipend will be awarded for service performed during the prior calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

§4-8.3 Criteria to Award Stipend

The criteria to award a stipend will be based upon a point system including:

- (a) satisfactory completion and passing Firefighter 1 and the Borough probationary test administered by the Watchung Fire Department;
- (b) attend a minimum of ten (10) Watchung Fire Department drills annually;

- (c) attend a minimum of four (4) Watchung Chemical Engine Company, Inc., meetings annually;
- (d) attend a minimum of at least twenty-five (25%) percent of actual fire service calls responded to, with additional credit provided for all other calls responded to over the minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent based upon the time of the day the call is answered.

§4-8.4 Stipend Cap

When provided for in the budget of the Borough, there shall be established a funding cap annually.

§4-8.5 Record Keeping

All fire call sheets, including drill and meeting attendance records will be provided to the Borough designated representative by the Fire Department officer in charge on a weekly basis.

§4-8.6 Fire Department Criteria Recommendation

The members of the Fire Department and the Watchung Chemical Engine Company, Inc., may annually review the criteria to award a stipend and may recommend modifications to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

§4-8.7 Submission of Recommendation

On or before January 15 of each year, the Fire Chief shall submit the stipend recommendation to the Borough for the prior year, which shall include a certification that the calculation of the stipend is accurate and follows the criteria established for the stipend program.

§4-8.8 Award of Stipend

After the Fire Chief makes the recommendation to the Borough, the Mayor and Council may consider that recommendation and consider a Resolution to award stipends as soon as reasonably possible.

Section 2. Severability

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Michelle DeRocco, Clerk

By: _____
Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

Introduced: Joren
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