

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 2016-21

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
CAPTIONED "FIRE DEPARTMENT"**

WHEREAS, on a periodic basis, the Township of Waterford staff and Fire Department reviews Chapter 26 of the Township Code captioned "Fire Department" in order to keep said Chapter current; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it has been determined that certain amendments should be made to Chapter 26 as set forth hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, following introduction, it has been determined to amend the Ordinance, the intent of the Section 26-3 further amendment is for clarification and to correct to dates in Section 26-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 26 of the of the Township of Waterford captioned "Fire Department" is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 26-3 captioned "Companies Designated" shall be revised as follows "All references to Station 233 located at Jackson Road should be removed. Louden Fire Company was previously identified as Station 233. The Fire Company remains as a named entity but is no longer an active Fire Station to provide fire service to the Township of Waterford. Property in its ownership name remains available for emergency use by the Township Fire Department Police Department and Office of Emergency Management."

2. Section 26-6 captioned "Election of Fire Department Officers", Paragraph A, shall be revised to read as follows:

A) “The Chief of the Fire Department, the Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, and the Battalion Chief of the Fire Department, shall be elected for a 3-year term and the Chief, Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief shall be elected by the Fire Department members qualified to vote. The incumbent Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief may run for re-election and succeed themselves in that position without limitation. The date for the election of Fire Department Officers shall be selected no later than October 1st of each election year. The election will be conducted during the month of November of the election year using the date that was set by September 30th to fill the vacancies of Chief Officers. Written notification of the member elected Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief shall be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk immediately following the election. The Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief shall assume office commencing on the 1st day of January after said election and confirmation by the Mayor and Township Committee.”

Paragraph C, captioned “Qualifications For Chief Officers” Paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) shall be deleted and shall be changed to read as follows:

(3) All Fire Department Officers shall meet the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Fire Officer Requirements N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.6

3. Chapter 26-8 captioned “Fire Department Members Eligible to Vote; Issuance of Department Property shall be changed to read as follows:

Paragraph A shall be amended to read as follows:

“Fire Department Members eligible to vote for Fire Department Chief Officers shall be all members of the Department which answered 15% of emergency calls and 60% of called fire drills from the period November 30 through October 1 of the year of the election. A person which has been a member for at least six months shall be entitled to vote if that member has answered 15% of emergency calls and 60% of called fire drills during that 6 month period. Fire Department life members that do not meet the 15% of emergency calls but do attend 60% of called fire drills and Fire Department sanctioned activities will also be eligible to nominate and vote for the Department’s Chief Officers. Life Members will be classified as any member in good standing for a period of 20 years of service. Eligibility may be adjusted by the Committee of the Standing Officers in the event of reasonable documented reasons due to sickness, education, military service or the like. Those members with adjusted eligibility as referenced hereinabove will be permitted to nominate and vote via a signed and sealed letter provided to the Administrative Secretary of the

Fire Department on the announced dates for nomination and elections. A separate letter will be required for both the nomination and for the election purposes. Only Fire Department members that meet the qualifications to vote may nominate officers for election.”

4. Chapter 26-13 captioned “Standard Operating Procedures”, Paragraphs B, D, and E shall replace the word “Deputy Chiefs” with the word “Deputy Chief”.

5. Section 26-15 captioned “Application For Membership”, Paragraph E shall be revised as follows:

“In the event that the applicant is deemed qualified for membership in the Fire Department, he/she shall be approved by the Fire Chief and officially assigned to the Department. The names of all members shall be filed with the Mayor and Committee on a regular basis.”

SECTION 2

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3

If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of the Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.


Lori A. Friddell, RMC
Township Clerk


William A. Richardson, Jr.
Mayor

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Certified to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford at a regular meeting held on October 12, 2016.

Date: October 12, 2016


Lori A. Friddell
Township Clerk