

TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-27

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

WHEREAS, as a result of a review of Chapter 26 captioned "Fire Department" by the Mayor and Township Committee, it has been determined that certain amendments should be made to same.

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

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

1. Section 26-6 captioned Election of Fire Department Officers, **Paragraph A**, shall be amended 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 s shall be elected for two-year terms 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 shall be conducted during the month of November of the election year using the date that was set by September 30 to fill the vacancies of the chief officers who are up for election. Written notification of the election results for each 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 on the first day of January after said election upon confirmation and approval of each separate position by the Mayor and Township Committee.”

A new paragraph shall be added to **Section 26-6** captioned “Election of Fire Department Officers” which shall read as follows:

“Any vacancy occurring in the position of Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, or the Battalion Chief of the Fire Department during that person’s term of office shall be filled temporarily by the next ranking officer and a special election held for that position within thirty (30) days from the date of said vacancy. At the time of such election, that position shall then be filled by the member elected to it subject to the confirmation and approval of the Mayor and Township Committee.”

2. **Section 26-9** captioned “Confirmation of Officers” shall be changed to read as follows:

“The election of the officers set forth hereinabove shall be confirmed and approved as to each separate office by the Mayor and Township Committee not later than the first regular meeting of the Governing Body following the election of the respective officers.”

3. **Section 26-10** captioned “Bylaws, Rules and Regulations” shall be amended as follows:

“The membership of the Fire Department may adopt Bylaws, Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Chapter, which Bylaws, Rules and Regulations shall be filed with and approved by the Mayor and Township Committee.”

4. **Section 26-12** captioned “Disciplinary Committee”, **Paragraph C** shall be amended to read as follows:

“In the event that the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief or Battalion Chief is suspended, that officer shall remain inactive and may not attend meetings, training sessions or serve at fires. In the event of a discharge from the fire department said officer shall no longer be entitled to the rights or privileges of an officer or member of the department. The Disciplinary Committee may also determine and fix other disciplinary measures based on the specific charges.”

This Article shall also be amended to include and add the following **Paragraph E** which shall read as follows:

“This same Disciplinary Procedure shall apply to all members of the Fire Department”

5. Section 26-12 captioned “Standard Operating Procedures, **Paragraph B**, shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Standard Operating Procedures shall be determined by the Department Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. All operating procedures shall be reduced to writing and a copy of the same be provided to each member of the fire department. A copy shall also be filed with and approved by the Mayor and Township Committee before taking effect.”

6. Section 26-19 captioned “Fire Police” shall be changed to read as follows:

“The Fire Department shall contain a Fire Police Unit which shall be under the direction of the Fire Chief. It shall be their duty to maintain law and order at all fires and emergency scenes to which they may be detailed, including direction of traffic, refusal of admittance within the danger zone to outside or unauthorized parties and for maintaining control at the emergency scene. Fire Police shall be appointed by the Fire Chief with the confirmation of each member by the Mayor and Township Committee. The appointment shall be for a term of five (5) years. All training for the Fire Police shall be the training specifically required for such a position by the State of New Jersey. Failure to complete the

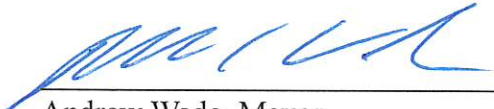
training within one year shall be cause for removal and dismissal from the position of Fire Police Officer.”

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 3. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this 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 this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall only take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.


 Dawn Liedtka, RMC / CMR Clerk


 Andrew Wade, Mayor

Intro: December 14, 2022
 Public Hearing: Dec. 28, 2022
 Adopted: Dec. 28, 2022

UPON INTRODUCTION ON DECEMBER 14, 2022					
	GIANGIULIO	ROMOLINI	WILSON	YEATMAN	WADE
YES	x		x	x	x
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT		x			
UPON ADOPTION ON <u>12/28</u> 2022					
	GIANGIULIO	ROMOLINI	WILSON	YEATMAN	WADE
YES	x	x	x	x	
ABSTAIN					x
NO					
ABSENT					

CERTIFICATION

I, Dawn Liedtka, Clerk of the Township of Waterford, Camden County, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and exact copy of the Ordinance which was finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford at a Meeting held on the 28th day of December, 2022.

Dawn M. Liedtka
Dawn Liedtka, RMC / CMR Clerk