

**BOROUGH OF GARWOOD  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
403 SOUTH AVENUE  
GARWOOD, NJ 07027**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ENTITLED, "EMERGENCY SERVICES",  
SECTION 19-3, ENTITLED "CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION"**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Garwood deems it appropriate and necessary to act to ensure retention of existing members of the volunteer fire department and first aid squad and to provide incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members; and

**WHEREAS**, A Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) is hereby created in accordance with Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997, *N.J.S.A.40A;14-183, et seq.*, to reward members of the volunteer Garwood Fire Department and the volunteer Garwood First Aid Squad for their loyal, diligent and devoted services to the residents of the Borough of Garwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the LOSAP shall provide for fixed annual contributions to a deferred income account for each volunteer member that meets the criteria set forth below; such contributions shall be made in accordance with a plan that shall be established by the Borough of Garwood pursuant to the aforementioned New Jersey Statues; that such plan shall be administered in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council seeks to amend the code to update the LOSAP award amounts to their current total and include that any CPI adjustments will be approved via resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Garwood that Chapter 19 ("Emergency Services), Article 1. ("Length of Service Award Program"), of the Borough Code of the Borough of Garwood is hereby amended as follows (additions underscored, deletions ~~struck through~~):

§19-3 Criteria for Participation.

A. The LOSAP shall provide for annual contributions to each eligible member that meets the criteria as follows:

	Number of Points Required	Years of Service Request	Amount of Award
Organization			
Garwood Fire Department	85	1 Full Year	<del>\$1,150.00</del> <u>\$1,748</u>
Garwood First Aid Squad	90	1 Full Year	<del>\$1,150.00</del> <u>\$1,748</u>
Garwood First Aid Squad	70	1 Full Year	<del>\$575.00</del> <u>\$ 874</u>

B. The amount of award is subject to increase pursuant to a CPI adjustment as determined via resolution by governing body.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provisions so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Rejected     Approved

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Jen Blumenstock, Mayor

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Date

Reconsidered by Council \_\_\_\_\_

Override Vote Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**DATE OF INTRODUCTION:    February 27, 2025**

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL																
	Date:					Date:					Date:					
	First Reading Introduction					Final Reading - Adoption					Tabled					
Council Member	M	S	Yay	Nay	N V	Ab	M	S	Yay	Nay	N V	Ab	M	S	Yay	Nay
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<b>Foley</b>																
<b>Kearney</b>																
<b>Lazarow</b>																
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<b>Nolde</b>																
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This is to certify that this is a true and compared copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Council of the Borough of Garwood on February 27, 2025.

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**NENNETTE PERRY, R.M.C.**  
Municipal Clerk