

ORDINANCE 3-2022

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION SECTION 2-51 VOLUNTEER INCENTIVES FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE COMPANIES AND FIRST AID SQUADS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2-51 Volunteer Incentives for Members of Fire Companies and First Aid Squads, be and is hereby amended to regulate volunteer incentives for members of fire companies and first aid squads within the Township of Aberdeen as follows:

- a. Qualification for Benefits. This section shall be and is limited solely to residents of the Township of Aberdeen who are volunteers in the Fire Companies established in Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 2 and First Aid Squads and are certified to be "members in good standing" by the Chief Executive Officer of the respective Volunteer Fire Companies or First Aid squads as required hereafter.
- b. Member in Good Standing.
 1. A "member in good standing" is hereby defined as an active member or active life member volunteer who has served at least one year of continuous service in his respective company or squad or has been certified, in writing, by the Chief Executive Officer of his respective company or squad to have served the required percentage of activity or participation to qualify as a bona fide member of such organization;
 2. The certification shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and, notarized accordingly, shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk as a public record;
 3. "Member in good standing" certification shall be filed with the Township Clerk annually and shall be provided to the Clerk between January 1 and January 15 of each year. A new certification must be filed each year and as of January 15 of each year the certification from the preceding year shall be null and void.
- c. Benefits. A member in good standing as defined herein shall be entitled to certain benefits within the Township of Aberdeen as follows:
 1. Exemption from payment up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per year for Township of Aberdeen fees for certain activities, licenses, permits and rentals, provided the fee is for the personal and nonprofit use of the member in good standing or a member of his immediate family residing in the same household. The fees included are as follows:
 - (a) Fees for use of municipal buildings;

- (b) Fees for recreation department activities and application fees for recreation programs;
 - (c) Construction and/or Zoning permits for work on the residence of the member in good standing;
 - (d) License fees for activities of a personal and nonprofit nature, which fees are payable to and deposited solely by the Township of Aberdeen.
- d. Exclusion. This section shall not apply to any fee which goes in whole or in part to any other governmental or private agency or entity. This section shall not apply to any fine, penalty or related charge incurred by any person.
- e. Immediate Family. This means the member in good standing, his or her spouse and all children under twenty-one (21) years of age who are unmarried and permanently occupying the same residence as the member in good standing within the Township of Aberdeen.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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 provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

ATTEST:

Township of Aberdeen

Melissa Pfeifer
Municipal Clerk

By: _____
Fred Tagliarini
Mayor