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Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 50, "Length of Service Awards Program"
Increasing the Maximum Annual Contribution in Support of Volunteer Fire Department
Members

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick established a Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et seq., following approval by the voters on November 6, 2001, to reward members of the Township's volunteer fire companies for their dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-14, municipalities may periodically increase the annual contribution to LOSAP accounts, provided such increase does not exceed the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI) factor since the contribution amount was last adjusted; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick last amended its LOSAP contribution schedule in 2022 via Ordinance 22-29, and the CPI increases for 2024 (3.5%) and 2025 (3.4%) have been calculated in accordance with Local Finance Notices LFN 2024-01 and LFN 2025-02; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it in the best interest of the public and its volunteer emergency fire responders to increase the maximum annual LOSAP contribution accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 50, Length of Service Awards Program, Schedule A, LOSAP Point System, be and is hereby amended and supplemented to increase in the maximum annual contribution which shall not exceed a number calculated by multiplying the original contribution:

Schedule A LOSAP Point System

Shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect (as adopted by Ordinance 2001-17 and amended by Ordinance 2007-25, 2016-21 and 2022-29) with the following exception: Paragraph 2 (a) shall be amended to provide for an increased annual contribution as follows:

2(a). An active volunteer who annually attains the minimum point score as provided below shall receive an annual contribution to the member's account, for each year of qualified service, in the following amounts:

- **2016** \$909.89
- **2017** \$918.99
- **2018** \$928.18
- **2019** \$945.82
- **2020** \$953.38
- **2021** through **2023** \$1,006.77
- **2024** \$1,042.01
- 2025 and beyond (until next adjustment) \$1,077.45

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall apply only to that specific section or provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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