

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 50, "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM"
TO INCREASE 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 et seq., 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 2025 via Ordinance 25-19 to include CPI increases for 2024 (3.5%) and 2025 (3.4%); and

WHEREAS, the CPI increase for 2026 has been calculated in accordance with Local Finance Notice LFN 2026-01 at 3.3%; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it to be 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 the maximum annual contribution, which shall not exceed the amount calculated by applying the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the original contribution, as follows:

Schedule A

LOSAP Point System

Schedule A shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, as adopted by Ordinance 2001-17 and amended by Ordinances 2007-25, 2016-21, 2022-29, and 25-19, except as follows:

Paragraph 2(a) is hereby amended to provide for an increased **maximum annual contribution** as follows:

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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** – \$1,077.45
- **2026** and beyond (until next adjustment) – **\$1,113.01**

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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

Section 4.

The Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and other appropriate Township officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance, including but not limited to providing notice and coordinating implementation with the Township's health care provider, currently the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (SHBP).

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.