

ORDINANCE 2014-14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A CLOTHING
ALLOWANCE FOR ALL QUALIFIED ACTIVE
MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LOPATCONG'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of establishing a clothing allowance for the qualified active members of our fire departments;

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to recompense our qualified active fire department members for damage to their clothing due to their active participation in selfless service to our Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1

Chapter 27 of the Township Code is amended to include Article X as follows:

Chapter 27. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article X. Clothing Allowances

§ 27-33. Members stipend; performance of required duty.

There shall be paid to each and every active volunteer fire fighter doing public fire duty such sum of money as the Mayor and Council shall, by resolution or resolutions, fix from time to time for a clothing allowance as reimbursement for damage and loss sustained in the line of fire duty; provided, however, that such member shall have attended and answered to at least 40% of the fire duty, such percentage to be figured at twenty-four-hour duty at each day of the year and at the roll calls of the company of which the volunteer fire fighter shall be a member. This duty shall include calls, drills and meetings. This duty requirement shall apply to all active members of the Fire Department.

§ 27-34. Expulsion; denial of benefits.

A.

If any member of the Lopatcong Fire Department is expelled for any reason whatsoever, then he or she shall not be eligible to receive any benefits.

B.

Any member being removed from the active rolls during the physical year November 1 through October 31 shall forfeit his/her clothing allowance.

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§ 27-35. Certification of performance of duty; payments of allowances.

No later than November 2 in each year, the Chief and senior officer of each fire company in the Township shall certify to the governing body of the Township of Lopatcong a list of the members of their respective companies who have met the requirement of attending 40% of the fire duty of their respective fire company during the preceding 12 months, and payments of the aforementioned clothing allowances shall be made during the month of December of each year.

Section 2

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

Section 3

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on December 3, 2014 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 29, 2014, at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third St, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Township Clerk