

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #448-19**

**AN ORDINANCE LOWERING THE AGE FOR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS AND
SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To lower the minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters from sixteen (16) to fourteen (14) to be consistent with State law

WHEREAS, Ordinance 28-86 (codified as Township Code section 2-15.7) established a Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95, and went on to provide that “No person shall be eligible for membership in a Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary who is less than sixteen (16) or more than eighteen (18) years of age.”

WHEREAS, P.L. 1999, c. 318, effective January 6, 2000, amended N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 by lowering the minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters from sixteen (16) to fourteen (14); and

WHEREAS, the fire companies would like to amend the Township Code to be consistent with State law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that Chapter II of The Township Code Entitled “Administration” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 2-15.7, entitled, “Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary” in section 2-15 entitled, “Fire Department” is supplemented and amended to read as follows:

“2-15.7 Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 the Fire Companies may establish Junior Firefighter's Auxiliaries. No person shall be eligible for membership in a Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary who is less than fourteen (14) ~~sixteen (16)~~ or more than eighteen (18) years of age. Such persons shall be required to obtain permission to join the auxiliary from their parents or guardian. Such permission shall be in writing and acknowledged or approved in the manner required by law for deeds to real estate to be recorded. Members of the Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary shall be provided with the same insurance coverage as provided for the regular volunteer firefighters of the Company. The Township Committee shall adopt by resolution the

rules and regulations promulgated by the respective Companies. No junior firefighter shall be required to perform duties which would expose him to the same degree of hazard as a regular member of the volunteer Fire Company. Activities of Junior Firemen under 16 years of age shall be limited to (1) attending meetings of the Junior Firemen's Auxiliary; (2) receiving instruction; (3) participating in training that does not involve fire, smoke, toxic or noxious gas, or hazardous materials or substances; and (4) observing firefighting activities, while under supervision."

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section #3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Megan Phillips, Township Clerk

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Second Reading and Adoption:

2nd Publication: