

TOWNSHIP OF STRASBURG

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 42

AN ORDINANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND THEIR RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE COMPANIES AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING PUBLIC FIRE FIGHTING DUTIES; AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO FIRE FIGHTERS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW AND THE GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEATH BENEFIT ACT AND THE POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, CORRECTION EMPLOYEE AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER CHILD BENEFICIARY EDUCATION ACT.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions and Word Usage. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

FIRE COMPANY - Refton Community Fire Company and any relief association of such Fire Company or the Strasburg Fire Company No. 1 and any relief association of such Fire Company.

FIRE COMPANIES - Refton Community Fire Company, Strasburg Fire Company No. 1, and the relief associations of said Fire Companies.

TOWNSHIP - The Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Section 2. Fire Companies Recognized and Territory Assigned. Refton Community Fire Company and Strasburg Fire Company No. 1 are hereby designated as officially recognized volunteer fire companies to provide first due response for a portion of the Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Each Fire Company has been assigned first due response territory and may have such first due response territory revised in the future by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3. Authorized Activities of the Fire Companies. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Fire Companies to perform the following activities and services:

1. To provide such services as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate in the Township, which include, by way of example and not of limitation, the extinguishment of fires and the prevention of loss of life and property from fire, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, and other dangerous situations.

2. To provide nonemergency and public services such as, by way of example and not of limitation, removing water from property after storms; assisting in the removal, abatement and prevention of damage or injury to persons or property, whether through natural causes or man-made situations; and directing traffic and parking at local events as requested.

3. To conduct and participate in such training activities and drills, either within or outside of the Township, as may be deemed necessary by the officers of the Fire Companies to maintain proficiency in providing services.

4. To respond to calls and provide services to municipalities outside the Township when so requested by such municipality or another fire company or when directed to so respond by Lancaster County Communications.

Section 4. Authorized Activities of Members of the Fire Companies. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the members of the Fire Companies to perform the following activities and services when so requested by an officer of a Fire Company:

1. To engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade.

2. To engage in fund-raising activities for the Fire Company. Such fund-raising activities may include, but are not limited to, auctions, festivals, bingo, banquets, carnivals, barbecues, breakfasts, dinners, sub and sandwich sales, and sale of refreshments at auctions or other events.

3. To engage in the performance of any other duty or activity which contributes to the mission of the Fire Company.

Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize Fire Companies as official first due response fire companies within the Township and to state additional authorized activities for members of the Fire Companies for workers' compensation and governmental immunity purposes. It is the additional purpose of this Ordinance to enable the families of members of the Fire Companies to be eligible for benefits under the Act of June 24, 1976, P.L. 424, No. 101, as amended, 53 P.S. §891 et seq., commonly known as the Pennsylvania State

Death Benefit Act, and the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, Act 129 of 1998, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after enactment as provided by law.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 6th day of December, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF STRASBURG
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Attest: Catherine Oster
(Assistant) Secretary

By: Daniel C. Chen
(Vice) Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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