Date: July 6, 2022

To: Michael Marra, Town Clerk

cc: *Via e-mail to all*
Mayor Michael J. Gonnelli
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Deputy Chief F. Schneider, *Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department*
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From: Keri Ann Eglentowicz, Esq., Town Attorney KE

**Re:** **Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Allowance Amounts; Effective July 1, 2022**

In accordance with T.O. 12-21, please accept the attached schedules of allowance amounts for the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department effective July 1, 2022. Schedules for the periods of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024 forward are also attached for filing. Allowance increases were based upon the review and recommendation of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs and approval by the Mayor and Council pursuant to Resolution 2022-228.

Please update your files as appropriate. Thank you.

2022-228

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS**
**COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS UPDATING ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE SECAUCUS FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO T.O. 12-21**

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council recognize that the safety of all residents and the protection of buildings and structures is of utmost concern and that the ability to provide emergency services is critical to the protection of the public; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department serves the fire and emergency response needs of the municipality and is governed by T.O. 12-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Volunteers of the Secaucus Fire Department receive a monetary allowance pursuant to T.O. 12-21 for members in good standing that respond to a specified percentage of calls and a clothing allowance for uniforms and necessary articles; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council have determined that updates to the allowance amounts are warranted to reflect current demands on our local volunteers and the need for constant response for a growing community with over 900 fire response calls in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the monthly allowance amounts that a "Firefighter," "Company Officer" and "Chief Officer" may be eligible for on the attached documents reflect a $100 per month increase from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a subsequent $50 per month increase beginning January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024 as set forth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the allowance schedules attached for the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department are hereby adopted for the time periods specified, beginning July 1, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the fees specified take precedence over any other fees previously established or adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** pursuant to T.O. 12-21, a copy of the allowance schedules attached shall be maintained on file with the Town Clerk.

| Motion JG | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Second JC | | | | |
| Councilman Costantino | ✓ | | | |
| Councilman McKeever | ✓ | | | |
| Councilman Clancy | ✓ | | | |
| Councilman Dehnert | ✓ | | | |
| Councilman Gerbasio | ✓ | | | |
| Councilwoman Tringali | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Mayor Gonnelli | | | | ✓ |

Adopted: June 28, 2022

I, Michael Marra, Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution approved by the Mayor and Council on 6-28-22

Michael Marra
Town Clerk

Mayor

**ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Effective July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

Pursuant to §12-21 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, the following allowances shall be paid to active members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing:

## I. Monthly Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Junior Firefighter** and whom has completed and passed the course of "Firefighter I," the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $150.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $200.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $400.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $600.00 per month | $400.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $600.00 per month | $600.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Company Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $400.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $700.00 per month | $400.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $700.00 per month | $700.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Chief Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided given the routine administrative, operational and other duties handled by Chief Officers and if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | All Chief Officers |
|---|---|
| At least 35% | $750.00 per month |

## II. Clothing Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing in the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department, the following clothing allowances are to be paid on a yearly basis:

| Member with rank of: | Clothing Allowance Amount |
|---|---|
| Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter | $600.00 per year |
| Chaplain | $600.00 per year |
| Lieutenant | $700.00 per year |
| Captain | $750.00 per year |
| Deputy and Battalion Chief | $1,100.00 per year |
| Chief | $1,600.00 per year |

**ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

Pursuant to §12-21 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, the following allowances shall be paid to active members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing:

## I. Monthly Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Junior Firefighter** and whom has completed and passed the course of "Firefighter I," the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $150.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $200.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $450.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $650.00 per month | $450.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $650.00 per month | $650.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Company Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $450.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $750.00 per month | $450.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $750.00 per month | $750.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Chief Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided given the routine administrative, operational and other duties handled by Chief Officers and if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | All Chief Officers |
|---|---|
| At least 35% | $800.00 per month |

## II. Clothing Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing in the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department, the following clothing allowances are to be paid on a yearly basis:

| Member with rank of: | Clothing Allowance Amount |
|---|---|
| Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter | $600.00 per year |
| Chaplain | $600.00 per year |
| Lieutenant | $700.00 per year |
| Captain | $750.00 per year |
| Deputy and Battalion Chief | $1,100.00 per year |
| Chief | $1,600.00 per year |

**ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS FOR THE SECAUCUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Effective January 1, 2024**

Pursuant to §12-21 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus, the following allowances shall be paid to active members of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department in good standing:

## I. Monthly Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Junior Firefighter** and whom has completed and passed the course of "Firefighter I," the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $150.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Probationary Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members |
|---|---|
| 35% or greater | $200.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Firefighter**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $500.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $700.00 per month | $500.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $700.00 per month | $700.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Company Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended by the member in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | General members | If member is a full time Town of Secaucus employee |
|---|---|---|
| At least 35% | $500.00 per month | No payment |
| 45% or greater | $800.00 per month | $500.00 per month |
| 50% or greater | $800.00 per month | $800.00 per month |

For volunteer members in good standing with a rank of **Chief Officer**, the following monthly allowance shall be provided given the routine administrative, operational and other duties handled by Chief Officers and if the specified percentage of alarms are responded to and trainings attended in a month (from the first day of the month to the last day of the month):

| % of alarms responded to and trainings attended in a month period; based on total calls for the member's assigned company | All Chief Officers |
|---|---|
| At least 35% | $850.00 per month |

## II. Clothing Allowances

For volunteer members in good standing in the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department, the following clothing allowances are to be paid on a yearly basis:

| Member with rank of: | Clothing Allowance Amount |
|---|---|
| Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter | $600.00 per year |
| Chaplain | $600.00 per year |
| Lieutenant | $700.00 per year |
| Captain | $750.00 per year |
| Deputy and Battalion Chief | $1,100.00 per year |
| Chief | $1,600.00 per year |