

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion adopted Ordinance No. 4123 amending the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 78, Fire Prevention, by the addition of a new Article VI, Volunteer Service Credit Program, enacting Real Estate Tax Credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies comprising the Lower Merion Fire Department and for volunteer members of Narberth Ambulance; and establishing administrative procedures and appeals; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 78, Article VI, require that the Board of Commissioners establish, by Resolution, the annual criteria that must be met to qualify for credits under the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion that the following criteria for 2021 are established for the purpose of implementing the Volunteer Service Credit Program for 2020 Township taxes:

2021 LOWER MERION FIRE DEPARTMENT CRITERIA

- 1) Firefighter must be certified to the Firefighter I level;
- 2) The following is a list of activity points which are to be adhered to by all companies of the Lower Merion Fire Department when entering points into the Fire Department database for the purpose of applying for the Volunteer Service Tax Credit. A total of 115 points must be accumulated in order to meet the criteria:

Activity	Point	Purpose	
Standard fire call response	1	Standard credit.	<i>(Firefighter must earn at least 75 of these points)</i>
Meetings	1	Standard credit.	
Training drills	2	Extra point due to time commitment and to encourage training.	
Working fire incident/response in Lower Merion Township	2	Extra points due to prolonged in-service time.	
Working fire incident/response assist in Lower Merion Township	2	Extra points due to prolonged in-service time.	
Working fire incident/response outside of Lower Merion Township.	2	Extra points due to prolonged in-service time.	
Committee Meetings	1	Provide incentive for firefighters to participate in extra functions to support the mission of the fire company.	
4-hours of in-station duty time	1	Incentive to increase staffing levels of first out responding apparatus in order to help reduce response times.	
4-hours of training for which a certificate will be issued.	1	Encourage formal training to improve effectiveness and safety	
1-point per year of active duty	1	Extra points for years of service.	
<i>Other points may be awarded as deemed appropriate by the Fire Company Chief and approved by the Chief Fire Officer.</i>			

2021 NARBERTH AMBULANCE CRITERIA

The following is a list of activity points which are to be adhered to by Narberth Ambulance when entering points into the Fire Department database for the purpose of applying for the Volunteer Service Tax Credit. A total of 115 points must be accumulated in order to meet the criteria:

Activity	Point	Purpose
Staff 6-hour shift	4	To provide incentive to increase on duty response.
Standby/PR events	4	To provide incentive to increase community presence.
Meetings/Outreach programs	2	Extra points for completion of Operational or administrative tasks.
1-point per year of active duty	1	Extra points for years of service.
<i>Other points may be awarded as deemed appropriate by the Ambulance Corps Company Chief and approved by the Chief Fire Officer.</i>		

RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

By: _____
Daniel S. Bernheim, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary