Town of East Hampton

Middlesex County, Connecticut

Ordinance No. 2023.06

An Ordinance Amending Article V of Chapter 278 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton Regarding Stipend for Volunteer Fire Personnel and Civil Preparedness Director

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of East Hampton provides for the payment of a stipend to certain active volunteer members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department and the East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association as well as the Town's Civil Preparedness Director, and;

WHEREAS, said stipend is intended to recognize the benefits provided to the Town of East Hampton by the individuals who volunteer their time in service to their community, which payments are far below the pay that would be received for a paid professional acting in the same capacity with the same skills, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to update the Code to increase said stipend for members of departments who are not participating in pay models that provide additional current pay for current service and to continue to recognize volunteer effort on behalf of and in service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Town of East Hampton Charter, the Town Council of the Town of East Hampton does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 275-13 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton regarding Stipend granted; amount is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

§ 278-13 Stipend granted; amount.

The Town of East Hampton hereby authorizes an annual stipend for each volunteer firefighter, paramedic, ambulance driver, EMT or Civil Preparedness Director in the following amounts before all applicable taxes in accordance with this Article.

- A. Volunteer Firefighter \$2,500
- B. Paramedic, ambulance driver, EMT not receiving volunteer incentive pay \$2,500
- C. Other eligible paramedic, ambulance driver, EMT \$1,250
- D. Civil Preparedness Director/Emergency Management Director \$2,500

Section 2: This ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption and publication in accordance with Connecticut Statutes and shall be effective for volunteer service in calendar year 2023 and paid in fiscal year 2024/2025.

Approved this 12th day of September, 2023.

TOWN COUNCIL

ATTEST

Mark A. Philhower, Chairperson

Kelly Bilodeau, Town Clerk