

ORDINANCE 2022-20

Ordinance of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Deleting in its Entirety Chapter 37 Article II Entitles "Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary" and Replacing Same to be Consistent With N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 through N.J.S.A 40A:14-98

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD:**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 37 of the Township Code governs the Township of Mansfield's Volunteer Fire Companies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Volunteer Fire Companies of the Township of Mansfield have collectively requested that Chapter 37 Article II be amended to reflect changes pursuant with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 through N.J.S.A. 40A:14-98;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that:

**Section 1:**

The Mansfield Township Code, Chapter 37 Article II entitled "Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary" is deleted in its entirety and is replaced as follows:

**§ 37 Article II Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary**

**§ 37-9**

A Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary is created within the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, pursuant to authorizations set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95

**§ 37-10 Age Restrictions**

- A. The Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary is to serve as a training program for young men and women, aged 14-18, who are interested in serving their community and preparing to become active firefighters upon reaching the age of 18. At age 18, Junior Firefighters are eligible to attend the Firefighter Course to become a full member of their respective Fire Company upon successful completion. The ultimate goal of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary Program is to provide future members for the Township of Mansfield Fire Companies.
- B. Prior to being accepted for membership in the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary, a person eligible pursuant to subsection A of this section shall:
  1. Obtain permission to join the auxiliary from the person's parents or guardians. Permission shall be granted in writing on official Fire Company letterhead;
  2. Complete an application and be interviewed by officers of the Fire Company with a parent or guardian present; and
  3. Submit documentation from a qualified physician verifying that the person is medically able to perform activities of the auxiliary as established by the governing body of the Township of Mansfield pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-98

### **§ 37-11 Insurance Coverage**

Members of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary shall be covered by Township Workers' Compensation.

### **§ 37-12 Rules and Regulations Governing Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary.**

#### **A. Auxiliary members over 16 years of age**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:14-98, Auxiliary members who are **16 years of age or older** may fully participate in recruit firefighter training established by the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The rules and regulations shall provide for training of the Auxiliary firefighter for eventual full membership of the Fire Company. The junior firefighter may only perform these duties if:

- 1) The Junior Firefighter has been appropriately and adequately trained to perform the duties;
- 2) The Junior Firefighter is appropriately and adequately supervised in performing those duties at the training event or emergency incident;
- 3) The Junior Firefighter has satisfied all requirements pursuant to **§ 39-10 Section B**

#### **B. Auxiliary members under 16 years of age**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:14-98, Auxiliary members who are under 16 years of age shall be limited to:

- 1) Attending meetings of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary;
- 2) Receiving instruction;
- 3) Participating in training as established by regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs that **does not** involve fire, smoke, toxics or noxious gas, or hazardous materials or substances; and
- 4) Observing firefighting activities, while under supervision

### **§ 37-13 Incorporation of Rules**

All rules and regulations established by any Volunteer Fire Company in the Township of Mansfield regarding the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary must be approved by the Township Committee and shall be incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the same shall be on file with the Township Clerk at all times together with a copy of the same being available to the parent or guardian of any member of a Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary through the Fire Chief of the individual fire company.

### **Section 2. Repealer.**

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Mansfield inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

### **Section 3. Severability.**

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Committee held on this date.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Orlando". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Monica Orlando, Acting Township Clerk

Adopted, First Reading: September 28, 2022

Publication Date: October 4, 2022

Adopted, Second Reading: October 12, 2022

Publication Date:

Introduction: September 28, 2022

Committee	Motion	Second	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Farino			X			
Mr. Hayes	X		X			
Mr. McGuinness		X	X			
Mrs. Mora Dillon			X			
Mayor Watters			X			

Adoption: October 12, 2022

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Mrs. Mora Dillon		X	X			
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