

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, residents of the Accord Fire District approved a proposition to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Accord Fire District's Fire Department, in accordance with Article 11-a of the New York State General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the current program being administered by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Accord Fire District permits a maximum monthly award of fifteen dollars;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe it to benefit the public to increase the monthly benefit to twenty dollars, in order to provide an incentive to continue active service;

WHEREAS, Article 11-A authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Accord Fire District to seek voter approval of proposed amendments to the Service Award Program;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Fire Commissioners to propose amendments in order to improve the Service Award Program benefits to active volunteer firefighter members of the Accord Fire District's Fire Department;

WHEREAS, the anticipated increase in cost of the program is \$17,460.00 per year due to the proposed change;

WHEREAS, such improvement in Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Accord Fire District and its Fire Department to recruit and retain active volunteer firefighter members;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ACCORD FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Accord Fire District, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Accord Fire District in an election to be held on October 17, 2023, to determine whether the previously established Accord Fire District Defined Benefit Service Award Program (Program), currently administered by the Accord Fire District for active volunteer firefighter members of the Accord Fire Department, shall be amended, effective January 1, 2024, to increase the monthly service award from fifteen (\$15.00) dollars to twenty (\$20.00) dollars.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of the Accord Fire District's Service Award Program, which require voter approval to be amended, shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Accord Fire District in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

The polls will be open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours, and the ballot will be in substantially the following form, to wit:

Should the:

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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FIRE DISTRICT’S LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SERVICE AWARD FROM \$15 TO \$20 FOR ALL YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT EARNED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024

duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioner of said Fire District on the 10th day of May, 2023 be approved?

Those who are qualified to vote on the aforesaid proposition are qualified voters who shall have resided in said Accord Fire District for thirty days next preceding such election.

Dated: Rochester, New York
May 10th, 2023

Commissioner Farrell moved, Commissioner Fina seconded, and the Board of Fire Commissioners voted as follows:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Ted Fina	Y	
Commissioner William Farrell	Y	
Commissioner David Lawrence	Y	
Commissioner John Dunning	Y	
Commissioner Thomas Henebery	Y	

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
of the Accord Fire District in the Town of
Rochester, Ulster County, New York

By: Anna Henebery
Fire District Secretary