

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3028**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 23, FIRE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE IV, LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the awards to emergency service volunteers by municipalities under Length of Service Awards Programs (LOSAP) are allowed cost of living increases; and

WHEREAS, the cost-of-living increases under the LOSAP program are adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, the enabling Ordinance, Ordinance #2348, did not provide for an automatic annual CPI adjustment, therefore, the LOSAP contribution may be increased up to a maximum equal to the cumulative percentage increase since the time the award was last set; and

WHEREAS, the maximum permissible increase cannot exceed the amount calculated by multiplying the current contribution by the inflation percentage;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 23, Fire Department, Article IV, Length of Service Awards Program, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance, Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 23, Fire Department, Article IV, Length of Service Awards Program is hereby amended to include as follows:

§ 23-30 Increase in annual contribution, procedure.

The maximum annual contribution may be increased without public hearing or public question provided such increased contributions do not exceed the number calculated by multiplying the original contribution as approved by public question, plus the cumulative percentage increase since that time, by the Consumer Price Index factor. The Consumer Price Index factor shall be established as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185.

Section 2. The remainder of Chapter 23 is hereby ratified and remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. Any article, chapter, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. In case, for any reason, any portion or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other portion or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the portion or provision so declared

unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2024

Adopted: February 27, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor