



BOROUGH OF BOGOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 1654

PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION

DATE: 03-05-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE
BOGOTA CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION"**

Modify the "Purposes" section of the Bogota Fire Department

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles							
Councilmember C. Carpenter		✓					
Councilmember W. Hordern							
Councilmember P. McHale							
Councilmember J. Mitchell	✓						
Councilmember D. Vergara							✓

COMMENTS:

- Mayor Fede stepped down from the dais for the hearing and addressed the governing body from the audience as a member of the public, expressing concerns regarding the proposed ordinance and the reassignment of certain responsibilities to other departments. The language in the ordinance as requested is not clear on the party to make the request.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles							
Councilmember C. Carpenter	✓						
Councilmember W. Hordern							
Councilmember P. McHale		✓					
Councilmember J. Mitchell							
Councilmember D. Vergara							✓

ADOPTION:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles			✓				
Councilmember C. Carpenter	✓		✓				
Councilmember W. Hordern					✓		
Councilmember P. McHale			✓				
Councilmember J. Mitchell		✓	✓				
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WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Bogota Code sets forth the administrative rules and regulations applicable within the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2-10 of Chapter 2 sets forth the rules and regulations applicable to the Bogota Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, following the recommendations of a report prepared by the Audit Committee established by the Mayor and Council on April 3, 2025, the Bogota Council adopted Resolution #2025-251 at its regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2025, which, *inter alia*, transferred the responsibilities of the Bogota Rescue Squad to the Bogota Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to amend Section 2-10.3 of Chapter 2 of the Bogota Code, to formally incorporate the purposes of the Bogota Rescue Squad into The Fire Department Ordinance of the Borough of Bogota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that Chapter 2 of the Bogota Code is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2-10.3, ENTITLED "PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT".

Section 2-16, entitled "Purpose of the Department" is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

The Fire Department shall be responsible for the protection from fire of life and property in the borough, and shall respond to all emergency situations when requested, and provide for the protection of life and property in that capacity. The Fire Department shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws, codes, rules and regulations.



SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4: INCONSISTENCY.

Any and all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

CERTIFICATION

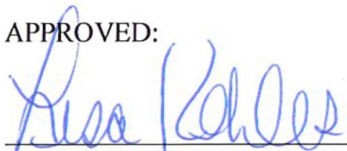
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ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:



Council President

I, Melissa Baque, Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Borough of Bogota at a meeting held on 03-05-26.