

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER
ORDINANCES NO. 2023:1323

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 14, LENGTH OF
SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 *et. seq.* (the “Act”) the Governing Body of the Borough enacted Article 1, Chapter 14 (“Enabling Ordinance”) creating a Length of Services Award Program (“LOSAP”) to provide incentives for recruiting and retaining volunteer fire fighters and ambulance squad members; and

WHEREAS, by Resolutions dated July 23, 2014 and November 23, 2020, the Governing Body increased retroactively the maximum annual contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(t), by multiplying the original contribution (as approved by public question) by the Cumulative Consumer Price Index since the contribution was originally set, as authorized by the Act, with the maximum annual contribution for active fire department volunteers of \$1,040.00 and a maximum annual contribution for eligible ambulance volunteers of \$892.00 through the year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to further provide for an increase in the maximum annual contribution as authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(t) provide for automatic annual cost of living adjustments, all in furtherance of the purposes stated in the Act and in the Enabling Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Article 1, Chapter 14 entitled Length of Service Award Program is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§ 14-2 Annual Contributions.

The LOSAP shall provide for fixed annual contributions to a deferred-income account for each volunteer member that meets the criteria set forth below; that such contributions shall be made in accordance with a plan that shall be established by the Borough of Closter pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 388; and that such plan shall be administered in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States Internal Revenue Code and this article.

The maximum annual contribution to each eligible member of the LOSAP shall increase automatically without public hearing or public question, in an amount not to exceed the number calculated by multiplying the original contribution as approved by public question, as increased from time to time by Resolution of the Governing Body pursuant to the Act, by the consumer price index factor. The consumer price index factor shall be established as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-155.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter that the remaining Sections of Article 1, Chapter 14 shall remain in full force and effect. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid.

This chapter shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Amitai						
Councilwoman Chung						
Councilman Devlin						
Councilwoman Latner						
Councilwoman Witko						
Councilman Yammarino						

Introduced: October 11, 2023

Adopted: October 25, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk

John C. Glidden, Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Closter at the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2023.

Stephanie Evans, Borough Clerk