



**TOWNSHIP OF PENN  
ORDINANCE NO. 964 - 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING MANOR BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, 35 Pa.C.S. § 79A21 authorizes the Township of Penn ("Township") to establish a volunteer service credit program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to add volunteer firefighters who reside in Penn Township and are active in the Manor Borough Fire Department credit toward the Volunteer Service Credit Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Penn, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 172 of the Township of Penn Code of Ordinances, ("Taxation") is hereby amended by amending Article X, Volunteer Service Credit Program, by amending Section 172-101, Volunteer Service Credit Program, by inserting the underlined terms as follows:

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**§ 172-101 Volunteer Service Credit Program**

- A. Establishment. The Township of Penn hereby establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program. The goal of the program is to encourage membership and service in the community's volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies.
- B. Program criteria. The Board of Commissioners shall establish, by resolution, the criteria that must be met to qualify for credits under the program based on the following:
  - (1) The number of emergency response calls to which a volunteer responds.
  - (2) The level of training and participation in formal training and drills for a volunteer.
  - (3) The total amount of time expended by a volunteer on administrative and other support services, including but not limited to fundraising and providing facility or equipment maintenance.
  - (4) The involvement in other events or projects that aid the financial viability, emergency response or operational readiness of a volunteer fire company or a nonprofit emergency medical service agency.

C. Eligible entities. The Volunteer Service Credit Program is available to residents of the Township who are volunteers of the following volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies that provide service to Penn Township:

- (1) Claridge Volunteer Fire Company
- (2) Grandview Volunteer Fire Company
- (3) Harrison City Volunteer Fire Company
- (4) Level Green Volunteer Fire Company
- (5) Paintertown Volunteer Fire Company
- (6) Penn Township Ambulance Rescue 6 EMS Services
- (7) **Manor Borough Fire Department**

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**SECTION 2.** Should any sentence, section, clause, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, other than the part declared to be invalid.

**SECTION 3.** All prior ordinances are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

**TOWNSHIP OF PENN**

**ATTEST: (SEAL)**

  
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Mary Perez, Secretary

By:   
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Jeffrey L. Shula, Chairman