

**AN ORDINANCE OF
THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
ENTITLED “FIRE DEPARTMENT” TO INCLUDE THE MARINE DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the safety of all residents and the protection of buildings and structures is of utmost concern and that the ability to provide emergency services both on land and on water is critical to the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department serves the fire and emergency response needs of the municipality and is governed by T.O. 12-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended an addition to the Town Ordinance to include and specify the duties and direction of the Marine Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following provisions shall be added to Chapter 12 of Code of the Town of Secaucus:

§12-23. Marine Division

The Marine Division is composed of the Marine Units assigned to the Secaucus Fire Department. Division duties are to protect the waterways, structures, vessels, people, and wildlife within the Town of Secaucus and neighboring communities. Members of the Marine Division shall meet all of the qualifications, training, certifications and age as set forth in the Town Ordinance and the Marine Division Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines (SOGs).

§12-24. Marine Division Captains

There shall be two (2) Captains designated to oversee the Marine Division under the direction of the Chief. Captains shall oversee all training for each vessel, maintain maintenance logs of each vessel, and coordinate any repairs required.

The two (2) Captains shall have all of the responsibilities and duties of an Engine, Rescue, or Ladder company officer and be certified to an ICS 400 by the State of New Jersey. They shall have served in a Company with, at a minimum, rank of Captain. They shall also be Coast Guard certified with a minimum of fifteen (15) years of experience of operating a vessel on tidal waterways. Captains shall also meet all of the other requirements as set forth in the Town Ordinance and in the Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines (SOGs).

Captains shall receive all of the benefits of the rank of Captain, however, at a fire scene, the Captain of the particular Company they are assigned to is in charge unless requested to assist.

1. There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Code of the Town of Secaucus.
2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of this Chapter 12 of the Code of the Town of Secaucus shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus in the County of Hudson, New Jersey, on the 23rd day of June, 2020, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, New Jersey, on the 28th day of July, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Secaucus Municipal Government Center and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the public of the town, who shall request such copies, at the office of the Town Clerk in said Municipal Government Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

MICHAEL MARRA

Town Clerk