

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the 18th day of October, 2023. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance was considered for passage at a public hearing held on 8th day of November, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at which the Township Committee voted to carry a public hearing to the December 20, 2023, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey or via a virtual meeting of the governing body held on such date at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE #2023-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING § 2-14.10 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO AUTHORIZE ONLY CERTIFIED ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS AND CERTIFIED PARAMEDICS, AND JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS, TO RIDE ON OR IN ANY FIRE APPARATUS, ENGINE OR VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, § 2-14.10 of the Code of the Township of Union governs prohibited uses of Fire Department vehicles and identifies who may ride on or in such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend the Code to clarify which emergency service personnel are authorized to ride on or in any fire apparatus, engine or vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Departments of the Municipal Government, § 2-14, Fire Department, § 2-14.10, Prohibited Uses of Fire Department Vehicles, of the Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2-14.10 Prohibited Uses of Fire Department Vehicles.
[Ord. No. 2016-7]**

- a. The use of Fire Company vehicles, apparatus, or equipment for private use, profit, benefit or advantage is prohibited, except in case of fire or other emergency which shall be immediately reported to Hunterdon County 911. Violation of this section shall be cause for discipline as provided in this section.
- b. Only certified active firefighters, EMTs and/or certified paramedics shall be permitted to ride on or in any fire apparatus, engines and/or vehicles. Junior firefighters shall be permitted to ride in fire apparatus, engines and/or vehicles. Violation of this section shall be cause for discipline as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Ordinances, resolutions, regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and

regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

Ella Ruta, Township Clerk

David DeGiralamo, Mayor