

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON IN  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING,  
ESTABLISHING AND CONTINUING THE STOCKTON FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, for many years the Stockton Fire Company (“Fire Company”), a volunteer fire company organized in the State of New Jersey, has provided fire protection and suppression services in and on behalf of the Borough of Stockton (“Borough”), and the Borough has provided financial and other assistance to the Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time the Borough Council seeks to reaffirm the terms and conditions of its relationship to and with the Fire Company.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Establishment; title. There is hereby authorized, established and continued the Stockton Borough Fire Department within the Borough to be composed of one company, known as the Stockton Fire Company, for purposes of providing fire suppression and protection services in the Borough of Stockton.

**Section 2.** Qualifications. No person shall become a member of the Stockton Fire Department and serve as an active fire fighter, unless the person shall meet the following qualifications:

- A. Be at least 18 years of age.
- B. Be a citizen of the United States.

- C. Be in good health and physically able to perform the duties of fire fighter as evidenced by a certificate to that effect by a licensed physician of the State of New Jersey.

**Section 3.** Attendance and duty required. Every member of the Fire Department serving as an active fire fighter shall, as a condition of service for the Fire Department, perform duty consisting of actual attendance at fires and drills as required by the Fire Company in its bylaws, which may be amended from time to time. A record shall be kept of such attendance and duty by the Chief of the Fire Company and reported to the Borough Council annually.

**Section 4.** Application for membership; election. Every person seeking to join the Fire Department shall make application to the Fire Company, and upon their election to membership by vote of a majority of the unit present and voting, they shall become a member in good standing of the Fire Department after approval of their membership by the Chief and confirmation by the Borough Council.

**Section 5.** Financial support. The Borough shall annually appropriate such funds to support the Fire Company as it deems advisable, which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, maintenance of workers' compensation insurance on behalf of members and other financial contributions permitted by law.

**Section 6.** General supervision and control. Members shall be under the general supervision and control of the Borough, except that the appointment or election of the Chief and other supervisory officers shall remain the prerogative of the members of the Fire Company. Representatives of the Borough and Fire Company shall meet as necessary to address operations and management of the Fire Department.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall take upon adoption and publication as provided by law.



Recoverable Signature

**X** Laurie A. Courter

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Laurie A. Courter

Borough Clerk

Signed by: f294cf7e-b128-47e4-b5d9-0d760677edc7

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