

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-19(1283)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 37A: "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, et seq., the Borough of Lavallette (the "Borough") has established a Length of Service Awards Program for volunteer firefighters and volunteer first aid squad members within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that its Length of Service Awards Program is both appropriate and necessary to promote retention of existing members and to provide incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council have determined that it is appropriate and necessary to increase the annual contributions made by the Borough to its Length of Service Awards Program and to implement an annual inflation adjustment for the benefit of volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members; and

WHEREAS, going forward, the Borough's Mayor and Council find it is advisable to provide for an automatic annual CPI adjustment within the Borough's Length of Service Awards Program; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lavallette, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance 37A "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) §37A-5 "Minimum and Maximum Contribution" is amended as follows (~~stricken text deleted~~; **bold and underlined** text added):

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§ 37A-5. Minimum and maximum contribution.

- A.** The ~~minimum contribution for each active volunteer member shall be \$100 per year of active emergency service, and the maximum contribution for each active volunteer member shall be \$1,150~~ **\$1,319** per year of active emergency service, subject to periodic increases permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185.
- B.** **Effective January 1, 2026, the annual contribution amount set forth in § 37A-5(A) above shall be increased each year by the CPI Adjustment to permitted Municipal LOSAP contribution amounts calculated and published annually by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lavallette that any ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance. All other provisions of the Lavallette Borough Code and Revised General Ordinances are ratified and remain in full

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force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lavallette that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lavallette that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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Take Notice the ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Lavallette, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey on October 20, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body to be held in the Lavallette Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 1306 Grand Central Avenue, Lavallette, New Jersey, on November 17, 2025 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 shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall of the Borough during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting; copies of the ordinance are available to the general public of the Borough who shall request such copies, at the office of the Municipal Clerk in said Borough of Lavallette, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey.

Donnelly Amico
Municipal Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Borough Council on first reading at a meeting held on October 20, 2025. It was further considered for second (2nd) reading and final passage at a meeting of the Borough Council held on November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm at which time and place persons desiring to be heard upon the same were given the opportunity to be heard.

Said Ordinance was duly adopted on the 17th day of November, 2025 and shall take effect upon publication as required by law.

(SEAL)

DONNELLY AMICO, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

WALTER G. LACICERO
Mayor