

**ORDINANCE 2216**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT - LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM"**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield deemed it appropriate and necessary to amend the Borough's Length of Service Award Program to ensure retention of existing members and to provide incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighters and first aid organization members; and

**WHEREAS**, a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) was created effective January 1, 2000 to provide for fixed annual contributions to a deferred income account for each volunteer member of the South Plainfield Fire Department and South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad at a maximum cost of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1545 creating LOSAP and approved by the voters as a public question in the general election of November 7, 2000 was amended by Ordinance No. 1690 to increase the maximum amount of contributions per volunteer for the years 2004 through 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no further amendments to the LOSAP program since the adoption of Ordinance No. 1690; and

**WHEREAS**, amendment to the Borough's Length of Service Award Program to increase contributions to the Program to a maximum of \$1,787.00 and to provide for automatic Consumer Price Index adjustments as calculated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services will enhance the ability of the South Plainfield Fire Department and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad to retain and recruit volunteer firefighters and first aid organization members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, Chapter 52, Article III entitled "Fire Department - Length of Service Award Program" shall be amended as follows:

Section 52-27. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

The maximum amount of contributions per volunteer shall be \$1,787.00 for the year 2021.

The maximum amount of contributions shall be adjusted in accord with the Annual Consumer Price Index, which adjustments shall be calculated on an annual basis by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 52-29. ESTIMATED COST.

The estimated cost of this program has been calculated as follows: For regular services, excluding administration, not to exceed \$100,000.00.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.