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County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26

**LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by Lawrence J. Hogan, the Governor of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020, and has been renewed through July 30, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Stuart Pittman issued Executive Order No. 16 proclaiming a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County due to the rapid onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which Executive Order was extended by the County Council on March 20, 2020, to continue for the duration of the Governor's state of emergency proclamation; and

WHEREAS, under the State and local emergency declarations, the Governor and the County Executive issued various Executive Orders restricting the operation of businesses, limiting social gatherings and requiring citizens to practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, administrative active volunteer members fill a critical public safety role and are a vital link in the emergency services offered to the residents of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the Length of Service Award Program ("LOSAP") is an important benefit Anne Arundel County offers administrative active volunteer members and has proved to be an effective recruitment and retention tool for these unpaid positions; and

WHEREAS, participation in LOSAP requires each administrative active volunteer member to earn 50 service points each year, which are earned not through operational needs but by attending meetings, participating in training, staffing fundraisers, and serving on various Boards; and

WHEREAS, the various restrictions imposed on social gatherings by the Governor's and the County Executive's Executive Orders have necessitated the cancellation of many events held by or at local fire stations and, through no fault of their own, severely limited the opportunities for administrative active volunteer members to earn the 50 service points necessary each year to qualify for LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, continued participation of administrative active volunteer members in LOSAP is an important component of these volunteer programs and it is in the best interest of the citizens of Anne Arundel County to take the necessary action to allow administrative active volunteer members to participate in LOSAP in 2020 despite the lack of opportunities to earn service points;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and §§ 1-6-101 *et. seq.* of the Anne Arundel County Code, do hereby proclaim and order on this 9th day of July, 2020:

1. In recognition of the limitation of opportunities to earn LOSAP service points due to the protective measures taken to limit the transmission of COVID-19, each administrative active volunteer member is hereby awarded 25 LOSAP service points, towards the annual 50 point requirement, under the point system set forth in § 12-1-305 of the Anne Arundel County Code. These 25 LOSAP service points may not be awarded to an operational active volunteer member that changes their status to an administrative active volunteer member during the effective period of this Executive Order.

2. This Executive Order shall take effect as of 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2020, and shall expire on December 31, 2020.

3. The Public Information Officer shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law.



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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Gregory J. Swain