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January 3, 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2016, Legislative Day No. 40

Bill No. 90-16

Introduced by Mr. Fink, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, December 5, 2016

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Introduced and first read on December 5, 2016  
Public Hearing set for and held on January 3, 2017  
Public Hearing on AMENDED BILL set for and held on January 17, 2017  
Bill Expires March 10, 2017

By Order: Elizabeth E. Jones, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Fire Service – Service Award Program – Volunteers  
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3 FOR the purpose of modifying the methods and terms of participation in the Length of  
4 Service Award Program for Fire Service Volunteers; modifying award amounts;  
5 providing for the effective dates of this Ordinance; and generally relating to fire  
6 service.  
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8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 12-1-301; 12-1-302; and 12-1-304  
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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11 BY repealing: §§ 12-1-305 and 12-1-306  
12 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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14 BY adding: § 12-1-305  
15 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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17 BY renumbering and repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 12-1-307 through  
18 12-1-309 to be §§ 12-1-306 through 12-1-308, respectively  
19 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County,*  
2 *Maryland, That Sections 12-1-305 and 12-1-306 of the Anne Arundel County Code*  
3 *(2005, as amended) are hereby repealed.*

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5 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County*  
6 *Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:*

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8 **ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY**

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10 **TITLE 1. FIRE SERVICES**

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12 **~~12-1-301. Definitions.~~**

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14 ~~IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

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16 ~~(1) "Active volunteer member" means an individual who has accumulated at least~~  
17 ~~50 points each calendar year in accordance with the point system set forth in § 12-1-305.~~

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19 ~~(2) "ACTIVE COMPANY" MEANS A COMPANY THAT:~~

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21 ~~(I) HAS VOLUNTEER MEMBERS RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY FIRE, EMS, AND~~  
22 ~~RESCUE CALLS, IN SERVICE OR RESPONSE READY COMPANY TRANSFERS, AND/OR IN-~~  
23 ~~SERVICE STANDBYS AS DISPATCHED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE~~  
24 ~~DEPARTMENT OR THE TRANSFER JURISDICTION; AND~~

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26 ~~(II) HAS A MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE THAT RESPONDS AT A MINIMUM TO 5%~~  
27 ~~OF THE COMPANY'S TOTAL DISPATCHED CALLS, LESS CAREER ONLY STAFFED UNITS~~  
28 ~~SUCH AS MEDIC AND PARAMEDIC UNITS, IN THE CREDITED YEAR.~~

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30 ~~(3) "INACTIVE COMPANY" MEANS A COMPANY WITH A MEMBERSHIP THAT FAILS~~  
31 ~~AS A WHOLE TO RESPOND TO A MINIMUM OF 5% OF THE COMPANY'S TOTAL DISPATCHED~~  
32 ~~CALLS IN A CREDITED YEAR.~~

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34 **12-1-302. Establishment; administration.**

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36 There is a [retirement] LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD program for qualified active  
37 volunteer members of the County volunteer fire companies, the Annapolis volunteer fire  
38 companies, AND the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association of Anne Arundel County, Inc.[,  
39 and the Seventh District Ambulance and Rescue Squad, Inc]. The Controller shall  
40 administer the LENGTH OF service award program.

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42 **12-1-304. Eligibility for benefits.**

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44 (a) **Conditions.** A person who has served as a member of a County volunteer fire  
45 company, an Annapolis volunteer fire company, OR the Anne Arundel Alarmers  
46 Association of Anne Arundel County, Inc.[, or the Seventh District Ambulance and  
47 Rescue Squad, Inc.] is entitled to receive benefits under this section if the person is  
48 eligible under the provisions of subsection [(c)] (B) and certified in accordance with the  
49 provisions of [§ 12-1-307 to have served as an active volunteer member on or after  
50 January 1, 1970] § 12-1-306.

1 (b) **[Discontinued service.** A person who discontinued active volunteer service on or  
 2 before December 31, 1969, may receive credit for the service after being certified in  
 3 accordance with the provisions of § 12-1-307 to have performed five years' active  
 4 volunteer service on or after January 1, 1970.

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 6 (c) **Persons eligible.** The following persons are entitled to receive benefits under  
 7 this section:

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 9 (1) persons who are at least 50 years old and who have completed at least 25  
 10 years of active volunteer service ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 12-1-301(1) AND WHO ARE A~~  
 11 ~~MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING with [a]AN ACTIVE~~ County volunteer fire company, an  
 12 ~~ACTIVE~~ Annapolis volunteer fire company, OR the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association  
 13 of Anne Arundel County, Inc.[, or the Seventh District Ambulance and Rescue Squad,  
 14 Inc.]; and

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 16 (2) volunteer [fire fighters]MEMBERS who have been determined by the Maryland  
 17 Workers' Compensation Commission to have been permanently and totally disabled in  
 18 the performance of duties as a volunteer fire fighter.

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 20 [(d)](C) **Surviving spouse.** The surviving spouse of a volunteer [fire  
 21 fighter]MEMBER who, at the time of death, was receiving benefits under the provisions of  
 22 subsection [(c)](B) is entitled to benefits under this section. The benefits shall be paid to  
 23 the surviving spouse monthly until the death or remarriage of that spouse.

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 25 ~~(D) **Not eligible.** AN INACTIVE COMPANY SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT~~  
 26 ~~MEMBERS FOR THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM CREDIT FOR THAT INACTIVE~~  
 27 ~~YEAR.~~

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 29 **12-1-305. Crediting of points.**

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 31 TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS, POINTS SHALL BE CREDITED TO EACH ACTIVE  
 32 VOLUNTEER MEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

33  
 34 (1) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR COMPLETION OF TRAINING  
 35 COURSES THAT ARE RELATED TO EMERGENCY SERVICES ACTIVITIES. A MAXIMUM OF 25  
 36 POINTS PER YEAR MAY BE AWARDED, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

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SERVICE POINTS	DURATION OF COURSE
5	<del>6-9 HOURS</del> 6-19 HOURS
10	20-44 HOURS
15	45 HOURS OR MORE

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 39 (2) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING  
 40 DRILLS; REQUIRED FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING; AND CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND  
 41 EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO EMERGENCY SERVICES ACTIVITIES. A  
 42 MAXIMUM OF 10 POINTS PER YEAR MAY BE AWARDED WITH ONE POINT AWARDED FOR  
 43 EACH DRILL OF AT LEAST TWO HOURS.

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 45 (3) (I) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR ON-DUTY TIME SPENT IN THE  
 46 STATION PARTICIPATING IN EITHER OPERATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. A  
 47 MAXIMUM OF 20 POINTS PER YEAR MAY BE AWARDED, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING  
 48 SCALE:

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SERVICE POINTS	DURATION OF DUTY
1	EACH FULL NIGHT OF SLEEP-IN DUTY
1	EACH BLOCK OF 4 HOURS OF OPERATIONAL STANDBY DUTY
1	EACH BLOCK OF 4 HOURS OF COLLATERAL DUTY

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(II) EVERY BLOCK OF FOUR HOURS OF COLLATERAL DUTY CARRIED OUT BY AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ACTIVITIES:

1. CONDUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY AND/OR A COUNTY, STATE OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OR THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL, INCLUDING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND/OR THE ORGANIZATION'S LEADERSHIP;

2. CONDUCTING PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRESENTATIONS AND FIREHOUSE TOURS, PARTICIPATION IN A FIRE COMPANY'S OPEN HOUSE, OR PROVIDING ANY TYPE OF FIRE, SAFETY AND EMS EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC; OR

3. PERFORMING FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE INCLUDING CLEANING AND REPAIRING APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGING COMPANY PROJECTS, OR CONDUCTING YARD AND LANDSCAPING ACTIVITIES.

(III) A MAXIMUM OF ONE POINT PER DAY MAY BE AWARDED FOR SLEEP-IN DUTY, STANDBY DUTY, OR COLLATERAL DUTY.

(4) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR SERVING IN AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITION. A MAXIMUM OF 25 POINTS PER YEAR MAY BE AWARDED, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

(I) FOR ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITIONS SERVING ACTIVE COMPANIES OR COUNTY, STATE, OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIRE, EMS, AND RESCUE SERVICES, 25 POINTS FOR A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE OR TWO POINTS PER MONTH OF PRORATED SERVICE;

(II) FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF A COMMITTEE SERVING THE COMPANY OR COUNTY, STATE, OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE ACTIVE-VOLUNTEER FIRE, EMS, AND RESCUE SERVICES, 15 POINTS FOR A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE OR 1.25 POINTS PER MONTH OF PRORATED SERVICE; AND

(III) FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE SERVING THE COMPANY OR COUNTY, STATE, OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE, EMS, AND RESCUE SERVICES, 10 POINTS FOR A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE OR .8 POINTS PER MONTH OF PRORATED SERVICE.

(5) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS SERVING THE COMPANY, OR COUNTY, STATE, OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE, EMS, AND RESCUE SERVICES. A MAXIMUM OF 20 POINTS PER YEAR MAY BE AWARDED, WITH ONE POINT AWARDED PER ATTENDANCE AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING.

(6) SERVICE POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WHO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY FIRE, EMS, AND RESCUE CALLS, IN-SERVICE OR RESPONSE



1 READY COMPANY TRANSFERS, AND/OR IN-SERVICE STANDBYS AS DISPATCHED BY THE  
2 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE TRANSFER JURISDICTION. CREDIT  
3 SHALL BE GIVEN AT A RATE OF .5 POINT PER RESPONSE. THERE IS NO MAXIMUM FOR THE  
4 POINTS EARNED FOR RESPONSES.  
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6 (7) A MAXIMUM OF FOUR YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE MAY BE AWARDED IF AN  
7 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER'S SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED FOR FULL-TIME EXTENDED  
8 SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. THE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER  
9 MAY BE AWARDED FOUR POINTS PER MONTH FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF  
10 INTERRUPTED SERVICE OR 50 POINTS FOR A FULL YEAR OF INTERRUPTED SERVICE  
11 PROVIDED THE ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER:

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13 (I) IS AN ACTIVE A COMPANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING;

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15 (II) HAS AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF PRIOR ACTIVE CERTIFIED SERVICE; AND

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17 (III) PROVIDES OFFICIAL MILITARY ORDERS SHOWING ASSIGNMENT OUT OF  
18 THE LOCAL AREA.  
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20 (8) AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER WITH AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF SERVICE WHO  
21 CANNOT COMPLETE THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM DUE TO A TOTAL AND  
22 PERMANENT DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN § 5-4-206 OF THIS CODE NOT CONNECTED TO THE  
23 PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER SHALL BE AWARDED 50  
24 POINTS PER YEAR UNTIL REACHING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.  
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26 **[12-1-307] 12-1-306. Records and statements of eligibility.**  
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28 (a) **Records.** [Each participating] PARTICIPATING volunteer fire [company]  
29 COMPANIES, the Annapolis volunteer fire companies, AND the Anne Arundel Alarmers  
30 Association of Anne Arundel County, Inc.[, and the Seventh District Ambulance and  
31 Rescue Squad, Inc.,] shall maintain detailed and accurate records for each volunteer  
32 member on forms prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Anne Arundel County  
33 Volunteer Firefighters Association and AS approved by the Controller.  
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35 (b) **Statement under oath.** On January 1 of each year, the board of directors of each  
36 volunteer fire company, the Annapolis volunteer fire companies, AND the Anne Arundel  
37 Alarmers Association of Anne Arundel County, Inc.[, and the Seventh District  
38 Ambulance and Rescue Squad, Inc.,] shall furnish to the Board of Trustees of the Anne  
39 Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association a statement under oath listing the  
40 volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the previous year ALONG WITH  
41 DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE CREDITING OF POINTS FOR ELIGIBILITY AS  
42 APPROVED BY THE FIRE CHIEF. The statement shall include any additional information  
43 required in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a).  
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45 (c) **Action by Board of Trustees and Controller.** On receipt of a statement made in  
46 accordance with this section, the Board of Trustees of the Anne Arundel County  
47 Volunteer Firefighters Association shall review the list of each company, the Annapolis  
48 volunteer fire companies, AND the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association of Anne Arundel  
49 County, Inc.[, and the Seventh District Ambulance and Rescue Squad, Inc.], and furnish  
50 copies of the list to the Controller by February 1, together with a certification as to the  
51 accuracy of each list AND THE DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE CREDITING OF POINTS  
52 FOR ELIGIBILITY AS APPROVED BY THE FIRE CHIEF. If the Controller approves the  
53 certified lists the Controller shall forward copies to the volunteer fire companies, the

1 Annapolis volunteer fire companies, AND the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association of  
2 Anne Arundel County, Inc.[, and the Seventh District Ambulance and Rescue Squad,  
3 Inc.,] by March 1. On receipt, the approved list shall be posted by the respective  
4 companies in a conspicuous place in the fire hall for 30 days.  
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6 **[12-1-308] 12-1-307. Appealing eligibility.**  
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8 An individual whose name does not appear on the approved certified list made in  
9 accordance with [§ 12-1-307, or who is denied credit for service on or before December  
10 31, 1973,] §12-1-306 may appeal in writing to the Controller within 30 days after the  
11 expiration of the period for posting the list. The Controller shall make a final decision. A  
12 person aggrieved by the decision of the Controller may appeal to the Board of Appeals.  
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14 **[12-1-309] 12-1-308. Amount; commencement of benefits.**  
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16 [Benefits under this part shall be \$250 a month for life, except that the benefits paid  
17 to a surviving spouse shall be \$150 a month. The payment of benefits shall begin on the  
18 first day of the first month following eligibility.]  
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20 **(A) Member benefits.**  
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22 (1) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, BENEFITS SHALL BE INCREASED FOR ANY  
23 CURRENT BENEFICIARY WHO HAS MAINTAINED ACTIVE STATUS FOR SEVEN YEARS OUT  
24 OF THE PAST TEN YEARS (JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016). BENEFITS SHALL BE  
25 INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:  
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27 (I) 25 TO 34 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE -- \$300.00 PER MONTH;  
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29 (II) 35 TO 44 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE -- \$350.00 PER MONTH; AND  
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31 (III) 45 OR MORE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE -- \$400.00 PER MONTH.  
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33 (2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, ANY NEW BENEFICIARIES THAT BECOME  
34 ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS SHALL RECEIVE A BENEFIT PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
35 THE ABOVE SCALE AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT INCREASES AS THEY OBTAIN  
36 THE NEXT SERVICE MILESTONE ON THE BENEFIT SCALE. BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE NOT  
37 MAINTAINED ACTIVE STATUS FOR SEVEN YEARS OUT OF THE PAST TEN YEARS  
38 (JANUARY 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016) SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A BENEFIT  
39 PAYMENT OF \$250.00 PER MONTH FOR LIFE.  
40

41 (3) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, ANY BENEFICIARY WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
42 BENEFITS UNDER § 12-1-304(B)(2) OF THIS CODE SHALL RECEIVE A BENEFIT PAYMENT OF  
43 \$400.00 PER MONTH FOR LIFE.  
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45 **(B) Surviving spouse benefits.** BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017, THE  
46 SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT FOR ANY NEW SURVIVING SPOUSES SHALL BE 50% OF THE  
47 MEMBER BENEFIT AT THE TIME OF THE MEMBER'S DEATH.  
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49 **(C) Payment of benefits.** THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST  
50 DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY.  
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52 SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That Sections of the Anne Arundel County  
53 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:  
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1 ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

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3 TITLE 1. FIRE SERVICES

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5 12-1-301. Definitions.

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7 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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9 (1) “Active volunteer member” means an individual who has accumulated at least  
10 50 points each calendar year in accordance with the point system set forth in § 12-1-305.

11  
12 (2) “ACTIVE COMPANY” MEANS A COMPANY THAT:

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14 (I) HAS VOLUNTEER MEMBERS RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY FIRE, EMS, AND  
15 RESCUE CALLS, IN-SERVICE OR RESPONSE READY COMPANY TRANSFERS, AND/OR IN-  
16 SERVICE STANDBYS AS DISPATCHED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE  
17 DEPARTMENT OR THE TRANSFER JURISDICTION; AND

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19 (II) HAS A MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE THAT RESPONDS AT A MINIMUM TO 5%  
20 OF THE COMPANY’S TOTAL DISPATCHED CALLS, LESS CAREER-ONLY STAFFED UNITS  
21 SUCH AS MEDIC AND PARAMEDIC UNITS, IN THE CREDITED YEAR.

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23 (3) “INACTIVE COMPANY” MEANS A COMPANY WITH A MEMBERSHIP THAT FAILS  
24 AS A WHOLE TO RESPOND TO A MINIMUM OF 5% OF THE COMPANY’S TOTAL DISPATCHED  
25 CALLS IN A CREDITED YEAR.

26  
27 12-1-304. Eligibility for benefits.

28  
29 (a) Conditions. A person who has served as a member of a County volunteer fire  
30 company, an Annapolis volunteer fire company, or the Anne Arundel Alarmers  
31 Association of Anne Arundel County, Inc. is entitled to receive benefits under this  
32 section if the person is eligible under the provisions of subsection (b) and certified in  
33 accordance with the provisions of § 12-1-306.

34  
35 (b) Persons eligible. The following persons are entitled to receive benefits under  
36 this section:

37  
38 (1) persons who are at least 50 years old and who have completed at least 25  
39 years of active volunteer service IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 12-1-301(1) AND who are a  
40 member in good standing with [a]AN ACTIVE County volunteer fire company, an ACTIVE  
41 Annapolis volunteer fire company, OR the Anne Arundel Alarmers Association of Anne  
42 Arundel County, Inc.; and

43  
44 (2) volunteer members who have been determined by the Maryland Workers’  
45 Compensation Commission to have been permanently and totally disabled in the  
46 performance of duties as a volunteer fire fighter.

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48 (c) Surviving spouse. The surviving spouse of a volunteer member who, at the time  
49 of death, was receiving benefits under the provisions of subsection (b) is entitled to  
50 benefits under this section. The benefits shall be paid to the surviving spouse monthly  
51 until the death or remarriage of that spouse.

1 (D) Not eligible. AN INACTIVE COMPANY SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT  
 2 MEMBERS FOR THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM CREDIT FOR THAT INACTIVE  
 3 YEAR.

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 5 **12-1-305. Crediting of points.**

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 7 To qualify for benefits, points shall be credited to each active volunteer member as  
 8 follows:

9  
 10 (1) Service points shall be awarded for completion of training courses that are  
 11 related to emergency services activities. A maximum of 25 points per year may be  
 12 awarded, according to the following scale:

<u>Service points</u>	<u>Duration of course</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>6-19 hours</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>20-44 hours</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>45 hours or more</u>

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 15 (2) Service points shall be awarded for participation in training drills; required fire  
 16 department training; and conferences, seminars and educational sessions that are related  
 17 to emergency services activities. A maximum of 10 points per year may be awarded with  
 18 one point awarded for each drill of at least two hours.

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 20 (3) (i) Service points shall be awarded for on-duty time spent in the station  
 21 participating in either operational or administrative duties. A maximum of 20 points per  
 22 year may be awarded, according to the following scale:

<u>Service points</u>	<u>Duration of duty</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Each full night of sleep-in duty</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Each block of 4 hours of operational</u> <u>standby duty</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Each block of 4 hours of collateral</u> <u>duty</u>

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 25 (ii) Every block of four hours of collateral duty carried out by an active  
 26 volunteer member shall include at least one of the following types of activities:

27  
 28 1. conducting official business on behalf of the company and/or a county,  
 29 state or national emergency services organization, such as the Anne Arundel County  
 30 Volunteer Firefighter's Association, The Maryland State Firemen's Association or the  
 31 National Volunteer Fire Council, including fundraising activities, administrative duties in  
 32 support of the Fire Chief and/or the organization's leadership;

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 34 2. conducting public relations activities such as presentations and  
 35 firehouse tours, participation in a fire company's open house, or providing any type of  
 36 fire, safety and EMS education to the public; or

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 38 3. performing fire station maintenance including cleaning and repairing



1 apparatus, equipment and facilities, planning and project managing company projects, or  
2 conducting yard and landscaping activities.

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4 (iii) A maximum of one point per day may be awarded for sleep-in duty,  
5 standby duty, or collateral duty.

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7 (4) Service points shall be awarded for serving in an elected or appointed  
8 position. A maximum of 25 points per year may be awarded, according to the following  
9 scale:

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11 (i) for elected or appointed positions serving ACTIVE companies or county,  
12 state, or national organizations representing the interests of the ACTIVE volunteer fire,  
13 EMS, and rescue services, 25 points for a full year of service or two points per month of  
14 prorated service;

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16 (ii) for appointment as chairperson of a committee serving the company or  
17 County, State, or national organizations representing the interests of the ACTIVE  
18 volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services, 15 points for a full year of service or 1.25  
19 points per month of prorated service; and

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21 (iii) for appointment as a member of a committee serving the company or  
22 County, State, or national organizations representing the interests of the volunteer fire,  
23 EMS, and rescue services, 10 points for a full year of service or .8 points per month of  
24 prorated service.

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26 (5) Service points shall be awarded for attendance at meetings serving the  
27 company, or county, state, or national organizations representing the interests of the  
28 volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. A maximum of 20 points per year may be  
29 awarded, with one point awarded per attendance at an official meeting.

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31 (6) Service points shall be awarded to active volunteer members who respond to  
32 emergency fire, EMS, and rescue calls, in-service or response ready company transfers,  
33 and/or in-service standbys as dispatched by the Anne Arundel County Fire Department or  
34 the transfer jurisdiction. Credit shall be given at a rate of .5 point per response. There is  
35 no maximum for the points earned for responses.

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37 (7) A maximum of four years of certified service may be awarded if an active  
38 volunteer member's service is interrupted for full-time extended service in the United  
39 States Armed Forces. The active volunteer member may be awarded four points per  
40 month for less than one year of interrupted service or 50 points for a full year of  
41 interrupted service provided the active volunteer member:

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43 (i) is an ACTIVE company member in good standing;

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45 (ii) has at least one year of prior active certified service; and

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47 (iii) provides official military orders showing assignment out of the local  
48 area.

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1           (8) An active volunteer member with at least 20 years of service who cannot  
2 complete the length of service award program due to a total and permanent disability not  
3 connected to the performance of duties as a volunteer fire fighter shall be awarded 50  
4 points per year until reaching 25 years of service.”

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6           ~~SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this Ordinance shall~~  
7 ~~take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.~~

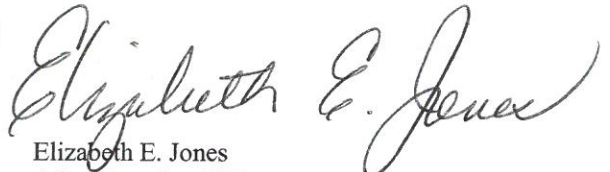
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9           SECTION 4. And be it further enacted, That Section 2 of this Ordinance shall take  
10 effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

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12           SECTION 5. And be it further enacted, That Section 3 of this Ordinance shall take  
13 effect on January 1, 2020.

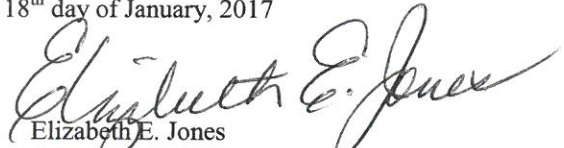
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: January 3, 2017

READ AND PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017


By Order:

  
Elizabeth E. Jones  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

  
Elizabeth E. Jones  
Administrative Officer

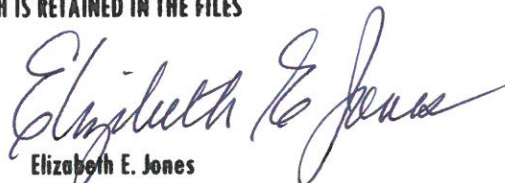
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Steven R. Schuh  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 2017 - Section 2

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO.**  
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