RESOLUTION NO. R9 of 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A STIPEND FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE OAKMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakmont ("Borough") like many municipalities in the Commonwealth are developing ways to encourage and maintain membership levels within volunteer fire department service; and

WHEREAS, utilizing existing Acts of the Pennsylvania General Assembly that could provide Real Estate or Earned Income Tax credits would not be equitable to all active members of the Oakmont Borough Volunteer Fire Department ("Department"); and,

WHEREAS, instead of these tax credits, the Borough wishes to provide a monthly stipend to active members of the Department to recognize their dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, Borough shall rely on the Department's Fire Chief to develop and establish criteria to determine who qualifies as an active member of the Department for purposes of receiving the stipend; and

WHEREAS, the Borough shall review the stipend amount and payments during budget reviews in the fall after a municipal election to ensure its sustainability and alignment with Borough goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakmont, that a monthly stipend is established and the criteria for said stipend shall be as follows:

1. The Department Chief shall establish eligibility criteria to define who will qualify as an "active member" in order to receive the stipend payment. Eligibility criteria is subject to review and approval by Borough Council.

2. The review process for the payment and eligibility criteria shall be transparent and inclusive, allowing for input from relevant stakeholders within the Oakmont Borough Volunteer Fire Department.

3. Borough Council shall provide oversight and guidance throughout the review process, ensuring that any changes made are in the best interest of the Department and its Volunteer Members.

4. So that the Borough may appropriately budget for payment of the stipend, the Department Chief shall provide Council with a total number of active members eligible for the stipend on or before October 1 annually.

5. Starting in 2025, the Borough shall provide funding to the Department that will allow a $65 per month stipend to all active volunteer members of the Department.

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RESOLUTION REGULARLY ADOPTED AND ENACTED, this 15th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Borough Manager/Secretary

BOROUGH OF OAKMONT
OAKMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

By: President, Borough Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

Sophia Facaros, Borough Mayor

I, Scot E. Fodi, Borough Manager/Secretary of the Borough of Oakmont, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R9 of 2024 adopted at the regular meeting of the Oakmont Borough Council, held on the _____ day of April 2024.

Scot E. Fodi, Secretary/Manager