

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**  
**SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #24-24**

**ORDINANCE ADDRESSING CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE AND FIRST AID SQUADS SERVING THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon (Township) previously approved Ordinance 15-06, which provided for a clothing allowance for members of certain fire companies and ambulance squads serving the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 15-06 codified the clothing allowance into Chapter 52 and specifically, § 52-7 of the Township's Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township subsequently passed Ordinance 21-13, which updated the Township Code relating to volunteer fire companies operating within the Township and established a Division of Fire Suppression within the Department of Public Safety, repealing and replacing the then-existing Chapter 52; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 21-13 inadvertently omitted certain ambulance squads from the clothing allowance, which is now contained in Ordinance § 52-10 and which relates to the Division of Fire Suppression; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to grant a clothing allowance to volunteer first aid squads, consistent with the intent of Ordinance 15-06, and to include same in a separate section of the Township Code specifically for volunteer first aid squads.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1. Part I, titled "Administrative Legislation", Chapter 5, titled "Administration of Government", Article XII, titled "Department of Public Safety" of the Township Code is hereby supplemented as follows:**

§ 5-72 Clothing allowance for members of volunteer first aid squads.

1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Township shall pay an annual clothing allowance to members of the Vernon Township Emergency Medical Services Volunteer Ambulance Corps, or any other recognized volunteer first aid or ambulance squad serving the Township.

2. The allowances shall be based upon a 12-month period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

3. The amount of the yearly clothing allowance shall be \$300 per year.

4. In order to be eligible for a clothing allowance the member must:
- a. Be a full, active member, 18 years old or older in good standing (junior members and auxiliary members are not eligible);
  - b. Have 2 years of active service with the Department in which they serve;
  - c. Be up to date on state-mandated training;
  - d. Have attended 30% of emergency calls and 50% of all Department drill/training; and
  - e. Have a valid New Jersey Driver's License.
5. The Chief or presiding officer of each department is responsible for the submission of the list of qualified members.
6. The Chiefs and Department Treasurers are exempt from the above requirements and will automatically receive the stipend.
7. No member is allowed to receive a stipend from more than one Department.
8. All "run sheets" will be filed with the Township Chief Financial Officer and will be subject to audit.

## **SECTION 2. Severability.**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION 3. Repealer.**

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance shall be, and are hereby, repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

## **SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on October 28, 2024, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on November 14, 2024 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.



Lauren Shaw, Assistant Clerk  
Township of Vernon

  
Anthony Rossi, Mayor

### **Township of Vernon**

#### **INTRODUCED: October 28, 2024**

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.		X	X			
DeBenedetto, J.						X
Higgins, W.			X			
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			

#### **ADOPTED: November 14, 2024**

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.			X			
DeBenedetto, J.						X
Higgins, W.	X		X			
Sparta, B.		X	X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			