

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NJ

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-82

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 80-2, 80-3 and 80-4 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS”

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in light of its strong appreciation for its volunteers, and for other good cause, wishes to increase the potential total VIP Program amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that Chapters 80-2, 80-3 and Chapter 80-4 of the Code are hereby amended as follows (deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions in **bold**):

§ 80-2. Points for volunteer services.

Each active volunteer member shall be credited with points for volunteer services provided to the Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance Corps in accordance with the schedules attached hereto:

- A. Ho-Ho-Kus Volunteer Fire Department: **Schedule A.****
- B. Ho-Ho-Kus Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.: **Schedule B.****

****Schedule A and B are amended as follows:**

Schedule A

To qualify for the Volunteer Incentive Program, a member of the Fire Department must have completed Firefighter I coursework and have been on the department for one year. The firefighter must be in good standing and approved by the Mayor and Council.

A. Point scale. To qualify for any points in the program, a firefighter must have made a minimum of 30% of department calls during the calendar year. Once the firefighter has made this minimum, the scale below will apply to call percentage.

- (1) Thirty percent: 30 points.
- (2) Forty percent: 40 points.
- (3) Fifty percent: 60 points.

B. Once a firefighter has met the thirty-percent minimum on call percentage, he/she is then eligible for points for cleanups and drills based on guidelines listed below:

- (1) Cleanups: A minimum of 12 cleanups is required to be eligible for this category, with a maximum benefit of 20 points, with each cleanup equaling one point.
- (2) Drills: A minimum of 12 drills is required to be eligible for this category, with a maximum benefit of 20 points, with each drill equaling one point.

C. Once the minimum of 12 drills and 12 cleanups is met, extras can be utilized to meet the twenty-point maximum in both categories.

D. Extras. Extras are designated as classes, parades, Field Day, memorial services, mutual-aid meetings, special drills, special events, open house or fire prevention demonstrations. To be entitled to credit for extras, such extras must be documented on a drill sheet.

E. Percent of award (~~\$15~~ **\$20** for each point earned).

- (1) Minimum to be eligible: 35 points.
- (2) Maximum permitted: 100 points.

Schedule B

To qualify for the Volunteer Incentive Program, a member of the Ambulance Corps must possess current certification as an EMT and in CPR, complete a six-month probation period and be approved by the Mayor and Council.

EMS Calls

A. Point scale.

- (1) Response to alarms, 35% of annual total: ~~40~~**50** points.
- (2) ~~Cleanups/drills, eight to 10 annually: 20 points.~~

- (32) Business meetings, seven to 10 annually: 20 points.
- (43) Continuing education units, for every two CEU's, up to ~~40~~**20** points to keep certification: one point.
- (54) Extra service points (parades, Field Day, standby, memorial services, special events), maximum permitted of 10: two points per event.

B. Percent of award: ~~\$15~~ **\$20** for each point earned.

Volunteer Driver-Lifter

To qualify for the Volunteer Incentive Program, a driver-lifter must possess a New Jersey driver's license, **current Certification in CPR/AED. complete a Driver's Course acceptable to the Corps**, and must be approved by the Mayor and Council.

A. Driver-lifter percent of award.

~~(1) Seven dollars and fifty cents~~ **Ten Dollars** for each point earned, ~~beginning with point 36.~~

(2) Maximum permitted: 100.

§ 80-3. Annual stipend.

The annual stipend for each eligible member shall be up to ~~\$1,650~~ **\$2,000** per year.

§ 80-4. Estimated cost.

The estimated annual cost of the program has been calculated as follows: not to exceed ~~\$1,650~~ **\$2,000** per year for eligible **EMT members and \$1,000 per year for eligible driver-lifter** members of the Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps., Inc.

All other sections not heretofore amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION II: Repealer.

All other ordinances of the Borough, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION III: Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

This Ordinance published herewith was introduced and pass upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, held on March 28, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage after the public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Municipal Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423-1547, in said Borough at the Public Meeting on April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place all interested member of the public who desire will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with said Ordinance, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall and copies are available at no charge in the Office of the Borough Clerk for members of the general public who may request them.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS AT THE SINE DIE PUBLIC MEETING ON **April 25, 2023**.

ATTEST: _____ Joan Herve, RMC, Borough Clerk

APPROVED: _____ Thomas W. Randall, Mayor

