

TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO

ORDINANCE 2011-12

AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**AT CHAPTER 21-1 GOVERNING
“FIRE COMPANIES, VOLUNTEER”**

WHEREAS, existing Chapter 21-1 governing the “Fire Companies, Volunteer” creates an age restriction stating that members must be between 18 and 40 years of age; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-12, there is a restriction to ages 21 to 35 years of age for appointment to fire departments, which relates to the age of an individual at the time of appointment to a paid fire department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is not a paid department and the existing Ordinance does not specify that the restriction relates to age at the time of appointment; therefore, the Township desires to amend the Ordinance, at the request of the volunteer firefighters making up the Fire Department, to remove the age restriction as many of the existing volunteers are over the age of 40.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Township of Delanco be amended as follows:

SECTION ONE.

Chapter 21, governing “Fire Companies, Volunteer” is hereby amended as follows:

§21-1. Age requirement.

Nothing contained within any regulations, ordinances or rules withstanding, all persons who are appointed members of volunteer fire companies operating within the Township of Delanco shall be at least 18 years of age.

SECTION TWO: All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION THREE: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

The above entitled ordinance was passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco on March 21, 2011. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on April 18, 2011 at the Municipal Building, 770 Coopertown Road, Delanco, New Jersey at 7:30 PM, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be heard. Copies of this ordinance will be made available at the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who shall request them.

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk