

RESOLUTION NO: 2018-2-6

HARMONY BOROUGH

BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF HARMONY BOROUGH, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CRITERIA THAT A VOLUNTEER MUST MEET TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THE HARMONY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM TO CLAIM LOCAL TAX CREDITS.

WHEREAS; on November 21, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law HB1683 (Act 172 of 2016), which authorizes municipal governments to grant local tax credits to volunteers at a volunteer fire company fire and [an emergency medical service agency (EMS)]; and

WHEREAS; on February 6, 2018, the Borough Council for Harmony Borough enacted Ordinance No. _____ establishing a Volunteer Service Credit Program and authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies; and

WHEREAS; Section 3 of Ordinance No. _____ requires the Borough Council of Harmony Borough to establish, by resolution, the criteria to qualify for tax credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council for Harmony Borough as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference hereto.

SECTION 2: Program Criteria. Volunteers at an eligible entity, as defined by Ordinance No. _____ shall meet the following criteria during the Eligibility Period to be eligible for certification under the Volunteer Service Credit Program:

- A. Volunteers must attend a minimum of 3 Harmony Fire District meetings per calendar year; and
- B. Volunteers must attend a minimum of 3 Harmony Fire District and/or State Certified trainings per year; and
- C. Volunteers must have completed the basic requirements for their classification as outlined by the Bylaws for the Harmony Fire District; and

D. Volunteers must be either:

1. Active Brigade Member - Any member, after completing probation, who attends meetings, drills, training, responds on emergency incidents, attends 6 monthly meetings per calendar year, participates in a minimum of 6 drills or 16 hours of brigade training and responds to at least 2% of the incidents within the fiscal calendar year (October 1 through September 30); or
2. Active Company Member - A member who participates in district events, drills, meetings, and performs administrative tasks but is not an Active Brigade Member. An Active Company Member must attend 8 regular monthly meetings per calendar year and participate in a minimum average of four hours of administrative work per month.

E. Volunteers must be members in good standing as outlined by the Bylaws for the Harmony Fire District.

F. For Tax Year 2018, and every year thereafter, Volunteers must achieve a minimum of Fifty (50) hours of service at the Harmony Fire District during the Eligibility Period. Service hours may be from training, call participation, public relations, community events and fundraisers.

G. Volunteers who, at any point during the tax year, have been put on probation as defined by the Bylaws for the Harmony Fire District shall not be eligible for the Program.

SECTION 3: Repealer. Any resolutions of Harmony Borough inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF HARMONY BOROUGH THIS 6TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF HARMONY

Amy Brown
Amy Brown, Secretary

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Gregory Such, President
Borough Council