

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN CODE TO REMOVE
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TITLE OF BATTALION CHIEF**

WHEREAS, Chapter 39 of the Code of the Township of Pennsauken (Township code”) establishes the Civil Service title of Battalion Chief for the Pennsauken Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken (“Township”) no longer uses the title of Battalion Chief, which has left the position vacant for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken (“Township Committee”) seeks to eliminate the title, with the intent of implementing other, more accurate and effective titles in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee must repeal and amend certain portions of Chapter 39 of the Township Code to eliminate the title of Battalion Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Township has informed the New Jersey Civil Service Commission of the Township’s intent to eliminate the aforesaid title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that several sections of Chapter 39 of the Township Code are hereby amended to read as follows (strikethroughs represent deletions, underlines represent additions):

§ 39-3. Chief of Department and Deputy Chief of Department.

- A. The Township Committee shall appoint individuals to serve as the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief of the part-paid and volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Pennsauken who shall have direct authority and control over all ~~Battalion Fire Chiefs and other~~ officers of the Fire Department as well as paid and volunteer firefighters within the Department.

[The remaining language in § 39-3 shall remain unchanged.]

§ 39-3.1. Battalion Chief; Station Commander.

~~A. There shall be three volunteer Battalion Fire Chiefs appointed by the Director of Public Safety with input from the Fire Chief in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-7.~~

~~B. The three appointed Battalion Fire Chiefs shall meet the following qualifications:
(1) Five years of service to the Pennsauken Fire Department;
(2) State of New Jersey Fire Officer II certification;
(3) State of New Jersey Incident Management System Level II certification;
(4) National Incident Management System I700 certification.~~

~~C. The tenure of the volunteer Battalion Fire Chiefs shall be determined by the Director of Public Safety with input from the Fire Chief.~~

A. ~~D.~~ There shall be five volunteer Station Commanders appointed by the Director of Public Safety with input from the Fire Chief in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-68.

B. ~~E.~~ The five appointed Station Commanders shall meet the following qualifications:
(1) Three years of service to the Pennsauken Fire Department;
(2) State of New Jersey Fire Officer I certification;

- (3) State of New Jersey Incident Management System Level I certification;
- (4) National Incident Management System I700 certification.

C. ~~F.~~ The tenure of the volunteer Station Commanders shall be determined by the Director of Public Safety with input from the Fire Chief.

§ 39-6. Attendance records; annual report.

Records shall be kept of each member's attendance, training and duty by the ~~Battalion Fire Chief~~ and Station Commander of each station, and an annual report thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of the Pennsauken Township Fireman's Relief Association on or before February 1 of the following year. Such records shall, from time to time, be subject to the inspection of the Director of Public Safety, Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.

§ 39-17. Protection and maintenance of facilities and apparatus.

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the ~~Battalion Fire Chief and~~ Station Commander of each station to see that the fire station and apparatus are protected from danger, neglect or otherwise.
- B. It shall be the duty of each volunteer fire company to maintain building heat during the winter season.

§ 39-21. Required records; use of standard form.

The ~~Battalion Fire Chiefs and~~ Station Commanders are required to fill out and keep records of all alarms of fire and emergency, methods of extinguishment, drills, hose, apparatus, minor equipment and general activities. Such records shall be kept on the standard record form supplied by the Fire Department and shall be filed monthly with such person or officer as shall be designated by the Fire Chief, subject to the approval of the Director of Public Safety who shall have the right to inspect the records as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the title of Battalion Chief is retroactively eliminated, effective as of January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as provide by law.

TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

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