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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 58, *FIRE DEPARTMENT*, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO ADD A NEW SECTION ENTITLED *JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg as follows:

**Section 1**

Chapter 58, *Fire Department*, of the Code of the Town of Phillipsburg is hereby amended by added a new section 16, *Junior Firefighters*, as follows:

§58-16. Junior Firefighters.

A. Membership. Persons between the ages of 16 and 17 years shall be permitted membership in the Volunteer Fire Department of the Town of Phillipsburg and shall be known as Junior Firefighters.

B. Rules and regulations. The rules and regulations governing the Junior Firefighters shall be as follows:

(1) Prior to joining, each applicant for the office of junior firefighter shall have the permission of his or her parent, parents or guardian, in writing, and acknowledged or witnessed and approved pursuant to law.

(2) All applicants must submit to, and successfully pass, a criminal background check pursuant to the Town's ordinance.

(3) Upon acceptance as a junior firefighter, each member must successfully pass a physical examination, as set forth by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

(4) Upon acceptance as a member, each junior firefighter must attend and successfully complete Firefighter I Class at an approved New Jersey Fire Academy.

(5) In all cases, junior firefighter's may answer alarms issued only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and no other calls.

(6) When answering a fire alarm or participating in a fire drill, each junior firefighter shall be required to wear full firefighters' gear, including but not limited to coat, helmet and boots.

(7) At no time when answering an alarm or drill may a junior firefighter enter a burning or smoke-filled building.

(8) At no time shall a junior firefighter be permitted to start or drive a fire truck or other fire equipment of the Town of Phillipsburg.

(9) Junior firefighters shall not be permitted to remain at any firehouse in the Town of Phillipsburg after the hour of 10:00 p.m.

(10) Junior firefighters must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. in their regular school course and will be required to produce copies of report cards to the Fire Chief at the end of each regular

school marking period. Failure to maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. will result in suspension as a Junior Firefighter.

(11) Junior Firefighters are under the supervision of the officers of the company to which they are assigned and the Fire Chief.

(12) Any other rules and regulations established by the Fire Department of the Town of Phillipsburg or Town Council or state law shall also apply.

**Section 2:**

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 3:**

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

**Section 4:**

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**

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VICTORIA L. KLEINER,  
Registered Municipal Clerk

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HARRY L. WYANT  
Mayor

DATED:

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Registered Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Town Council at their September 15, 2015 meeting.

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VICTORIA L. KLEINER,  
Registered Municipal Clerk