

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER,
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY - STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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RESOLUTION # 23-03

**Providing for an Automatic Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Cost of Living, Annual Adjustment to the LOSAP Award**

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in Lower Township, created a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), with the approval of the voters of Lower Township of Fire District No. 2 in the year 2000 with an annual contribution for each year of current and future service to eligible active volunteers of the Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. shall be \$1,000.00. While the maximum amount is set by statute, it is subject to periodic increases that are tied to the consumer price index. The permitted maximum amount will be issued annually, according to the emergency services volunteer length of service award program act; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2022-02 dated January 10, 2022 provides at “**3. Periodic or annual contributions increases (cost of living):** c. Authorizing automatic increases: If the sponsoring agency wants to provide for an automatic annual CPI adjustment to the LOSAP award, the agency must amend the enabling ordinance or resolution to authorize an automatic adjustment. This type of program amendment is subject a public hearing whether adopted by ordinance or resolution. This action does not require a referendum.” and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in Lower Township desire to amend and supplement the enabling LOSAP resolution to include the aforesaid automatic CPI adjustment into their LOSAP program and have scheduled a public hearing on the matter on January 23, 2023, as an agenda item at their regular scheduled hearing and have provided the requisite public notice that formal action will be taken at that meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in Lower Township have heard the public comments regarding the annual CPI adjustment to the LOSAP award, and realizing the affirmative benefit to the existing Fire District 2 firefighters who have and will continue to provide and as an inducement to encourage future firefighters to provide these essential services to the taxpayers and residents of Lower Township Fire District No. 2,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in Lower Township desire to provide for an automatic annual CPI adjustment to the LOSAP award, and hereby amends and supplements the enabling resolution to authorize the provision for an automatic consumer price index (CPI) cost of living, annual adjustment to the LOSAP program consistent with the annual adjustment, due to changes in the CPI, as calculated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to the maximum LOSAP contribution.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____,

and it was seconded by Commissioner _____

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