



**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE #19-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 25, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

WHEREAS, in consultation with the leadership of the Fire Department and in accordance with the recommendations of the Qualifications Committee tasked with reviewing whether current requirements listed in Section 25-5 are relevant to the fire service; can be achieved; and/or present undue hardship to those individuals considered for positions as Chiefs or Line Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee concluded that the language of Chapter 25, Section 5 of the Florham Park Borough Code, should be amended to conform with the requirements of New Jersey Administrative Code, Sections 5:736.1 and 5:73-1.6; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council deem it necessary and appropriate to revise the qualifications for Chiefs and Line Officers to reflect current statutory and departmental requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that Chapter 25, Fire Department, of the Code of the Borough of Florham Park is hereby revised as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25-5, Qualifications for Chiefs and Line Officers, of Chapter 25, Fire Department, of the Code of the Borough of Florham Park, is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

No person shall become a Chief, Rescue Captain or Line Officer in the Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department or any company thereof until he/she has met and complied with the following categorized qualifications. All courses shall be taken at a certified training facility or given by certified instructors at any other facility.

A. LIEUTENANT:

1. Possess three (3) years in the fire service: one (1) year as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).
2. Complete the requirements for the Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II certifications.
3. Qualify on all apparatus of the fire fighter's assigned company.
4. Obtain by application an Incident Management System Level 1 certificate issued by the State of New Jersey. (Note: In order to obtain IML 1, fire fighter must obtain I-100, I-200; NIMS 700 and any other command level certificate as may be mandated by the State of New Jersey.
5. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Fire Department.
6. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.

B. CAPTAIN:

1. Completed five (5) years in the fire service; one (1) year as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).

2. Served as a lieutenant, or higher rank, in any fire department for a minimum of two (2) years.
3. Qualify for lieutenant in the Florham Park Fire Department.
4. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Fire Department.
5. Completed a Fire Officer Course.
6. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.

C. RESCUE CAPTAIN:

1. Completed five (5) years in the fire service; one (1) year as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).
2. Served as a Lieutenant, or higher rank, in any fire department for a minimum of two (2) years.
3. Qualify for lieutenant in the Florham Park Fire Department.
4. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Fire Department.
5. Completed a Vehicle Rescue Course.
6. Completed a Fire Officer Course.
7. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.

D. ASSISTANT CHIEF:

1. Completed seven (7) years in the fire service; two (2) years as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).
2. Qualify for Captain in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department.
3. Qualify on all Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department apparatus.
3. Possess a certificate for Incident Management System Level 2, I-300 and IS-800.
4. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Fire Department.

6. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.
7. Complete an operational level certified class in any special discipline provided by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department inclusive of Ice Rescue, Vehicle Extrication and Confined Space unless said discipline is discontinued by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department.

E. DEPUTY CHIEF:

1. Completed seven (7) years as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).
2. Served as Assistant Chief in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department for two (2) years.
3. Completed all qualifications for Assistant Chief, Captain and Lieutenant.
4. Complete a Building Construction Course approved by the Board of Engineers.
5. Possess a certificate for Incident Management Level 3 I-400.
6. Qualify on all Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department apparatus.
7. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Fire Department.
8. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.
9. Complete an operational level certified class in any special discipline provide by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department inclusive of Ice Rescue, Vehicle Extrication and Confined Space unless said discipline is discontinued by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department.

F. CHIEF:

1. Complete seven (7) years as an active firefighter in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department. (Probationary period shall not be included).
2. Served as Assistant Chief in the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department for two (2) years and Deputy Chief for two (2) years.
3. Completed all qualifications for Assistant Chief, Captain and Lieutenant.

3. Completed IS-701.
 4. Maintain residency in Florham Park.
 5. Qualify on all Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department apparatus.
 6. Be interior qualified by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department.
 7. Maintain a minimum attendance of twelve (12) drills in the preceding twelve (12) months and a minimum fire-call percentage of twenty-five percent (25%) in this same period.
 6. Complete an operational level certified class in any special discipline provide by the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department inclusive of Ice Rescue, Vehicle Extrication and Confined Space unless said discipline is discontinued by the Fire Department.
- G. If any one person is appointed to the position out of necessity under this section without first completing the required time in service qualifications, that person shall not be prohibited from advancing in rank in the future and shall not be required to meet the time requirements of the lesser ranks. The member seeking to advance in rank, however, shall be required to meet all the other requirements of the lesser rank before advancing.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3.

Should any section, paragraph, clause or any other portion of this ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION 5.

When this ordinance becomes effective a copy thereof properly certified by the Borough Clerk shall be made available.

SECTION 6.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the Mayor and Council
of the Borough of Florham Park adopted on November 21, 2019.

INTRODUCED: November 21, 2019

ADOPTED:

Mark Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Williams, Borough Clerk