

ORDINANCE NO. 00-01

TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN
GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN
RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND
RELATED SERVICES TO AND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP;
AUTHORIZING THE FIRE COMPANY TO CHARGE THE
COST OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES
OF THE FIRE COMPANY, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE FIRE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING
PUBLIC FIREFIGHTING DUTIES AND PROVIDING
ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO FIREFIGHTERS UNDER
THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Morgan has utilized the services of the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company (hereinafter referred to as "Fire Company") to provide fire protection for its residents and their property;

WHEREAS, the Township of Morgan has provided financial support to the said Fire Company;

WHEREAS, the Fire Company is equipped to utilize emergency rescue tools and equipment for the purpose of saving lives and property;

WHEREAS, the Fire Company must incur significant expenditures for the purchase and maintenance of said rescue tools and equipment;

WHEREAS, the Fire Company has requested authorization from the Township of Morgan to initiate an expenditure recovery procedure for the purchase, maintenance and specialized training for said emergency rescue tools and equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary for the protection of the health, cleanliness, comfort and safety of the citizens of the Township of Morgan to enact this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, the Board of Supervisors of Morgan Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, does hereby ENACT AND ORDAIN the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Township of Morgan "FIRE COMPANY RECOGNITION ORDINANCE".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company as one of the official fire companies of a segment Township of Morgan and to state additional authorized activities for firefighters for Workers' Compensation purposes.

SECTION 3. FIRE COMPANY RECOGNIZED

The Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company (hereinafter referred to as "Fire Company") organized and existing in the Township of Morgan, Greene County, Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as one of the officially recognized fire companies for a segment Township of Morgan (hereinafter referred to as "Township").

SECTION 4. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE COMPANY

A. The Fire Company is hereby authorized to provide such services to the Township as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate therein, which include by way of example and not of limitation, the extinguishment of fires and prevention of loss of life and property from fire, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and other dangerous situations.

B. The Fire Company may also provide non-emergency and public service functions, such as, again by way of example and not of limitation, removing water from property after storms, and assisting in the removal, abatement and prevention of damage or injury to persons or property, whether through natural causes or man-made situations.

C. The Fire Company may also conduct and participate in such training activities and drills within the Township as may be deemed necessary by the officers of the Fire Company to maintain proficiency in providing service.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE FIRE COMPANY

In addition to actually participating in the activities of the Fire Company as authorized above, or in going to or returning from any activity, the members of the Fire Company are also authorized to do the following within the Township:

A. Engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade when duly called for or authorized by an officer or officers of the Fire Company.

B. Engage in fund-raising activities for the Fire Company, when authorized by an officer or officers of the Fire Company.

C. Engage in the performance of any other duty or activity authorized by any officer of the Fire Company.

SECTION 6. RECOVERY OF COSTS

The Fire Company is authorized to utilize any procedures it deems necessary to recover costs incurred for the purchase and maintaining of emergency rescue tools and equipment and by any specialized training required on the uses of the same. The Fire Company recognizes that the Township is not ultimately liable for recovery of any of said costs.

SECTION 7. REPEALER

Any ordinance containing any provision inconsistent herewith to the extent that

such provision is inconsistent, that provision is also hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 3rd day of October, 2000.

TOWNSHIP OF MORGAN

By: Shirl Barnhart
Shirl Barnhart, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: George E. Handford
George E. Handford, Vice Chairman

By: James C. Gayman
James Gayman, 3rd Member

ATTEST:

Relda K. Litten
Relda K. Litten, Secretary

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