

**BERNARDSVILLE BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2017-1738**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER’S AUXILIARY AND  
SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE BOROUGH CODE  
ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”**

**WHEREAS**, Glenn Miller, Chief of the Bernardsville Fire Company and First Aid Squad, has asked the governing body to adopt an ordinance establishing a Junior Fire Fighter’s Auxiliary;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Bernardsville in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Section 2.25 of the Borough Code Entitled “Fire Department” is hereby supplemented and amended by adding a new subsection 2-25.6 entitled “Junior Fire Fighter’s Auxiliary” which reads as follows:

**2-25.6 JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER’S AUXILIARY**

- A. Preamble.** There is a need to provide opportunity for and develop young people who are interested in learning the fields of fire prevention, fire fighting and emergency first aid work in the Borough of Bernardsville, and this can be accomplished by authorizing the volunteer Bernardsville Fire Company and First Aid Squad to organize a junior fire fighter’s auxiliary in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95.
- B. Eligibility.** No person shall be eligible for membership who is less than 16 or more than 21 years of age. Persons between the ages of 16 and 18 shall be required to obtain permission to join the auxiliary and perform the support duties from their parents or guardian. Such permission shall be in writing and acknowledged or proved in the manner required by law for deeds to real estate to be recorded. Background checks shall be preformed by the Bernardsville Police Department as allowed by State statute.
- C. Insurance Coverage for Members.** Members of the auxiliary shall be insured with the same coverage ad in the same amounts provided for the regular volunteer fire fighters and EMS providers of the municipality.

**D. Junior Fire Fighter's Auxiliary Committee.**

- i. The Junior Fire Fighter's Auxiliary program shall be under the guidance of a standing committee within the Fire Company, which shall be made up of three members, all of whom have served as field officers and the current Fire Chief.
- ii. The role of this committee shall include oversight of training program design, delivery and recordkeeping to ensure the junior fire fighters have been appropriately and adequately trained to perform the support duties; and that the junior fire fighters are appropriately and adequately supervised in performing those support duties at the fire site.

**E. Number of Members Limited.** The number of junior fire fighters shall be limited to no more than 10 members.

**F. Trainees.** The Junior Fire Fighter's Auxiliary Committee may establish progressive training program for each member in the following categories:

- i. Fire prevention/suppression
- ii. Vehicle rescue operations
- iii. NIMS compliance awareness level
- iv. Engine/tender/ambulance usage and maintenance
- v. EMS first responder/EMT
- vi. CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)
- vii. Fire fighter 1 (junior program)
- viii. Defensive driving
- ix. Pump operations
- x. Personal protective equipment (PPE), including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

**G Minors Prohibited from Certain Actions.** Members of the Junior Fire Fighter's Auxiliary will serve according to New Jersey Child Labor Laws. A minor under 18 cannot:

- i. Work in, about, or in connection with highly flammable substances, radioactive substances and ionizing radiation, carcinogenic substances, toxic and hazardous substances.
- ii. Work in, about or in connection with injurious quantities of toxic or noxious dusts, gases, vapors or fumes.
- iii. Fight fires.

- iv. Oil, wipe or clean machinery in operation.
- v. Work with grinding abrasive, polishing or buffing machines.
- vi. Operate hoisting apparatus, power tools, hydraulic tools, pneumatic tool.
- vii. Be any place where heating, melting or heat treatment of metals is carried on (cutting torches).

**H Over 18; Actions Permitted.** A junior fire fighter who is 18 or over may operate to the level of his training acquired:

- i. Vehicle extrication
- ii. Fire fighter 1/structural fire fighting
- iii. EMT/first responder

**I. Attendance.** A junior fire fighter shall attend 75% of all training drills and meetings called by the Junior Fire Fighter's Auxiliary Committee during any six-month period.

**Section 3.** Any or all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section 4.** In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
BERNARDSVILLE IN THE COUNTY  
OF SOMERSET

ATTEST:

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Sandra G. Jones, Borough Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Sooy, Mayor

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*Introduction:* \_\_\_\_\_

*1st Publication:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Public Hearing and Adoption:* \_\_\_\_\_

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