

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
SUSSEX COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2017-53**

RESOLUTION 2017-53 REQUESTING THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK TO INCLUDE A BINDING REFERENDUM FOR THE VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 7, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE BOROUGH SHOULD ESTABLISH A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND BOROUGH FIRST AID SQUAD VOLUNTEERS SUBJECT TO THE STATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

**WHEREAS**, the “Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Act” at N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et seq. permits a local government unit to adopt a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) which would provide emergency services organization members, including volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members, with a defined contribution program which will provide deferred compensation plans for volunteers who meet minimum service requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Franklin (“Borough”) is desirous of providing the said emergency services organization members, including volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members who serve its community, with such a program, which program will serve as an effective tool in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185 requires that before a LOSAP can be established within the Borough, the majority of legal voters in the municipality in an election must vote as to whether or not to permit the establishment of such a program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of petitioning the Sussex County Clerk to have the vote place on the ballot at the next general election to be held on or about November 7, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, New Jersey, as follows:

A. The following question shall be respectfully submitted to the Honorable Sussex County Clerk for inclusion on the official ballot at the next general election to be held on or about November 7, 2017:

Shall the Borough of Franklin be authorized to establish a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the volunteer emergency services organization members, including firefighters and ambulance squad members, that serve the municipality pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. The program will provide for annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member who meets the eligibility criteria and in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Borough of Franklin.

2. The proposed maximum annual contribution for an active volunteer member is \$500.

3. The estimated cost of the program has been calculated as follows:
  - a. For regular annual services: \$50,000 per year.

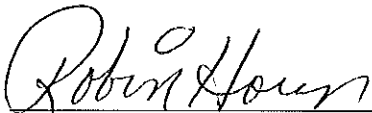
**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Borough of Franklin has decided to create a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for members of the volunteer emergency services organizations, including the fire department and the volunteer ambulance squad, who serve the citizens of the Borough of Franklin. The general requirements for the LOSAP are set forth in State Law (Chapter 388 of the Public Laws of 1997). Important details of the law are listed in the ballot question.

Additional information on the program may be found in Ordinance 10-2017 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, which is available for public inspection, along with a copy of the State enabling law at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, NJ 07416

B. The Sussex County Clerk is hereby requested to print the question and interpretive statement on the official ballot at the next general election to be held on or about November 7, 2017.

**CERTIFICATION:** I, Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by two-thirds of the full voting membership of the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on July 25, 2017.



Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ROBERT DABINETT	x			
DAWN FANTASIA	x			
JOSEPH LIMON			x	
MICHAEL RATHBUN	x			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	x			
GILBERT SNYDER	x			
MAYOR GIORDANO (Tie Only)				