

**TOWNSHIP OF SHALER
RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHALER, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL CRITERIA THAT
AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MUST MEET TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THE TOWNSHIP OF
SHALER VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCIES
CREDIT PROGRAM TO CLAIM LOCAL TAX CREDITS FOR SERVICE**

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law HB 1683 (Act 172 of 2016), which authorizes municipal governments to grant local tax credits to volunteers at a Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Agencies; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler enacted Ordinance No. 1943, establishing a Volunteer Service Credit Program and authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of the certified Township Volunteer Fire Companies; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler enacted Ordinance No. 1960, amending Ordinance No. 1943; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance requires the Board of Commissioners to establish, by resolution, the criteria to qualify for tax credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the Township of Shaler adopted Resolution No. 17-17 which provided for the annual criteria that an active volunteer must meet to be certified under the Township of Shaler Volunteer Fire Service Credit Program to claim local tax credits for service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler wish to revise Ordinance Resolution No. 17-17.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler as follows:

Section 1. Program Criteria: Volunteers at an eligible entity are required to meet the following criteria during the eligibility period as defined in the Ordinance to be eligible for certification under the Volunteer Service Credit Program:

- (a) Volunteer must have completed the basic requirements for their classification as outlined by the Bylaws of the Volunteer Fire Company or EMS Agency in which they serve as volunteers.

- (b) Volunteers must be either:
- i. An active fire fighter who has completed interior fire fighter training or equipment training based on his (or her) expected performance classification, or
 - ii. A business member who has met the requirements set forth in the Bylaws for the Volunteer Fire Company or EMS Agency in which they serve as volunteers to achieve said status.
- (c) A volunteer must be a member in good standing as outlined in the Bylaws of the Volunteer Fire Company or EMS agency in which they serve as volunteers.
- (d) Volunteers must achieve a minimum of twenty five (25) hours of service during the eligibility period. Service hours may be from training, call participation, public relations, community events and/or fundraisers.
- (e) Volunteers on probation as defined by the Bylaws for the Volunteer Fire Company or EMS agency shall not be eligible to receive the tax credit.
- (f) Each department or agency agrees to furnish a list of eligible members to the Township as appropriate on an annual basis.

Section 2: Repealer – Any Resolutions of the Township of Shaler inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 3: Effective Date – This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SHALER

Clair D.R.

By *D. J. Shutter*
David Shutter, President, Board of Commissioners

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Timothy J. Rogers
Timothy J. Rogers, Secretary