BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #04-2021

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND ORDINANCE 21-99 TO UPDATE BASE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS FOR LOSAP

WHEREAS, the Mendham Fire Department and Mendham First Aid Squad are independent allvolunteer organizations that serve the Borough of Mendham; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance 21-99 on August 30, 1999, the Borough established a Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") to ensure retention of existing members and provide incentives for recruitment of new members to the Mendham Fire Department and Mendham First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance 3-13 on May 6, 2013, the Borough amended Ordinance 21-99 with certain modifications that did not materially affect the elements of the existing LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance 14-2020 on November 23, 2020, the Borough modified the ordinance structure to further encourage members to take night shifts and to include provide for Consumer Price Index adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the LOSAP base contribution amounts have not been increased since 1999 and therefore the Borough now wishes to update the current base contribution amounts in Ordinance 21-99 to accurately reflect annual Consumer Price Index adjustments that have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modifications do not materially affect the elements of the existing LOSAP and are minor in nature and scope.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Ordinance 21-99 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The LOSAP shall provide for annual contributions to each eligible member that meets the following criteria in each calendar year (January 1 to December 31):

Each person earning 50 to 75 points will receive \$ 925.00. Each person earning 76 to 90 points will receive \$1,520.00. Each person earning 91 to100 points will receive the maximum of \$1,718.00.

The annual base contribution amounts will increase automatically, beginning calendar year 2021, based on the Consumer Price Index adjustments as set forth by statute and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services."

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in the manner according to law.

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Public Hearing:	March 22, 2020