

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
CAMBRIA COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT UNDER ACT 172 OF 2016.

WHEREAS, Southmont Borough (“Borough”) is served by the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company (hereafter “SVFC”) which meets the definition of volunteer fire company under the Act 172 of 2016, “Incentives for municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies and Nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agencies, 35 Pa.C.S.A. §79A et seq (hereafter “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has decided to enact an Ordinance to provide tax credits to members of the SVFC pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires municipalities to establish annual guidelines and requirements in order for an active volunteer in a volunteer fire company to be eligible to receive a tax credit under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has consulted with the SVFC regarding the annual guidelines and requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Borough hereby establishes the following annual guidelines and requirements in order for members of the SVFC to be eligible for the tax credits in its Ordinance (a “member” is an individual who is a volunteer of the SVFC):

A. The member of the SVFC is a resident of Southmont Borough; and

B. The member of the SVFC shall have passed all necessary training set forth by SVFC by-laws and is currently certified by Pennsylvania’s Office of the State Fire Commissioner (hereafter “OSFC”) to perform services as a volunteer fire fighter; and

C. The member of the SVFC shall have attained either “active member” status or “life member” status under the SVFC by-laws/regulations; and

D. If the member of the SVFC is an "active member" under its by-laws/regulations, the member shall have materially participated in twenty-five percent (25%) of the total fire/emergency calls, or participated in twenty-five percent (25%) of the total fundraising events or other fire company functions; and

E. If the member of the SVFC is a "life member" under its by-laws/regulations, the member shall have:

- i) been an active member for twenty-five years or more;
- ii) been active member who became physically disabled while performing fire company business;
- iii) been an active member who because of age, health or extenuating circumstances, the Board of Directors determined that the active member shall be certified to "life member" status.

2. If the member of the SVFC meets the requirements/guidelines set forth in this Resolution, he/she shall be eligible to be placed on the eligibility list to be submitted to the Borough no later than 30 days before tax notices go out.

RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED at a meeting held on the 17th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:

SOUTHMONT BOROUGH

BY: 
Amanda Layton, Executive Secretary

BY: 
Sheree Speicher, President