

ORDINANCE NO. 1105-22

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 20-FIRE DEPARTMENT; ADDING SECTION 6
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND DISBURSEMENT OF FIRE
DEPARTMENT STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Demarest provides fire protection within the Borough by way of a volunteer fire association, to wit, the Demarest Borough Fire Department (DBFD); and

WHEREAS, recent mandates and restrictions have made recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters more difficult, and manpower in the DBFD has suffered in recent years; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for personnel recruitment and retention materials and services is available from the federally administered Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Administrator is required to perform the various functions in the grant process, including application, coordination, submission of backup documentation, responding to questions and responding to inquiries and acceptance of administration of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the DBFD grant administrator, Chief John McLaughlin submitted the SAFER grant application in compliance with all requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the agency administering the said grant program; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant was awarded by FEMA to the Borough of Demarest on or about August 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twelve Thousand (\$212,000.00) Dollars, for a four-year grant term, concluding on November 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now seeks to accept the SAFER grant and to implement the attendant recruitment and retention program anticipated to be funded thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Demarest, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Chapter 20, Section 6-Authorizing Acceptance and Disbursement of SAFER Grant be and hereby is established as follows:

Section I: GRANT ACCEPTANCE-TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant awarded to the Borough of Demarest by FEMA, be and hereby is ratified and accepted, for the grant period from November 28, 2021 through November 27, 2025, and shall be administered and the funds expended consistent with the SAFER Grant Award Letter, dated effective August 30, 2021, and the Demarest Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines & Procedures Chapter VI, Subject 6F Stipend Program memo dated November 1, 2021, both incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, in the annual amount of Fifty Three Thousand (\$53,000.00) Dollars, for a total grant acceptance of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand (\$212,000.00).

Section II: ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY

The Demarest Fire Chief shall be the Administering Authority for the SAFER grant.

Section III: SEVERABILITY/INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS REPEALED

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon: (i) passing the ordinance by a vote of a majority of the members of the council present at the meeting upon a second reading thereof; thereafter presenting the ordinance to the Mayor, no later than five days after successful passage of the ordinance, and (ii) approval by the Mayor of the Borough of Demarest no later than 10 days after receiving the ordinance from the Borough Council, and (iii) publication as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the DVFD Grant Administrator and to take such necessary actions, and establish necessary procedures and protocols, to effectuate the intent hereof; and

BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

BY: MELINDA J. IANNUZZI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Crosman, RMC, Borough Clerk

Introduced (1st reading): _____

Adopted (2nd reading): _____

Moved by:
Second by:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain/Absent</u>
Carroll:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connelly:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fox:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamilton:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LaPira:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slowikowski:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mayor Iannuzzi _____

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced on first reading by the Borough of Demarest Council at a meeting held on May 23, 2022 and adopted on second reading and public hearing on June _____, 2022.

Susan Crosman, RMC, Borough Clerk