

TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 1053-12

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED
“FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY SQUAD”**

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park provides, among other things, for the duties of active and other forms of membership within the Rochelle Park First Aid and Ambulance Squad; and

WHEREAS, said Chapter also outlines the procedure for disciplinary charges against members of the ambulance corps; and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Rochelle Park First Aid and Emergency Squad have requested certain modifications to Chapter 16 which they believe will benefit the operation of that Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed these requests for modification and agree that such modifications are appropriate and would benefit both the ambulance corp and the Township of Rochelle Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE: The following sections are hereby deleted and removed in their entirety:

Section 16-9 (C) entitled “Associate Membership”

Section 16-9 (F) entitled “Designated Driver/Lifter”

SECTION TWO: The following provisions are hereby added to Section 16-9 (E) entitled “Observer Status”

(4) Observers can only respond with the ambulance and only with Captain’s prior approval.

(5) Observers must have successfully completed a police background check.

SECTION THREE: Section 16-15 (D) and Section 16-15 (F) are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

- D. At the hearing to be held before the Disciplinary committee, the Captain or presiding Officer shall announce the charges to the Committee. The Line Officer who has made such charges shall present the grounds therefore and the reasons why such charges were made and any facts and information, including testimony by anyone having knowledge which relates to the charges, which he/she believes substantiates the charges. Any squad member shall have the right to present any information or facts which may relate thereto. The squad member who is charged with misconduct shall have the right to be heard with respect to such charges and to present such information or facts as he believes relates to the charges or his defense thereto, including testimony of persons having knowledge or information which relates thereto. The squad member who is charged shall also have the right to appear with an attorney, provided that any cost thereof shall be at such squad member's sole cost and expense.
- F. The Captain shall have the right to suspend any member of the Squad for any of the reasons set forth in Subsection A. if the Captain determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the member has committed one or more of the acts described in Subsection A and if he/she determines that the charges are sufficiently serious to require immediate action, provided that the Captain shall first give the member an opportunity to be heard. Following such suspension, the Captain shall forthwith prepare a written charge, which shall be forthwith served upon the member, and , if the member suspended so demands, notwithstanding the notice provisions of Subsection C, a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee shall be held, provided that such member gives written notice to the Secretary of the Squad within five days of the effective date of the suspension. The captain shall give at least three days written notice thereof to the Disciplinary committee and to the Township Committee. Such trial shall take place no less than five days after the date of such notice.

SECTION FOUR: Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION FIVE: Severability:

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SIX: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST:

VIRGINIA DE MARIA,
Municipal Clerk