



CASTLETON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.
1700 BROOKVIEW ROAD
CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON, NY 12033
PHONE: (518) 732-2563



July 1, 2021

Schodack Town Board
265 Schuurman Road
Castleton, NY 12033

Dear Schodack Town Board,

We, the members of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service, would like to request an increase in the contribution made to our Service Award. Back in January, 1999 the Town of Schodack established a NYS Comptroller administered Service Award Program for members of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance. Currently, a \$700 contribution is made to the program account of a participating volunteer for each year a volunteer earns 50 points for participating in ambulance activities. The program must comply with the NYS General Municipal Law (GML). The GML was amended in the fall of 2019 to allow the local government sponsor(s) of a program to increase the annual contribution to as much as \$1,200. Such an increase is subject to mandatory referendum (i.e. the proposed increase must be approved at an election of residents of the ambulance district).

During 2020, 21 volunteers earned 50 points. The Town cost for 2020 was \$14,700. Had the annual contribution been \$1,200, the cost would be \$25,200 or \$10,500 greater. We expect 25 volunteers, at most, to be eligible for the 2021 year.

Our volunteer ambulance service is asking our town residents to approve this proposed increase to help retain and hopefully recruit more active volunteers so we can continue to provide high quality care to our residents of Schodack.

Sincerely,

The members of Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Service

S4207-A METZGER Same as A 7552 Thiele

General Municipal Law

TITLE....Relates to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs

This bill is not active in the current session.

03/04/19 REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
05/03/19 AMEND (T) AND RECOMMIT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
05/03/19 PRINT NUMBER 4207A
05/29/19 1ST REPORT CAL.933
05/30/19 2ND REPORT CAL.
06/03/19 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING
06/12/19 PASSED SENATE
06/12/19 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY
06/12/19 referred to ways and means
06/20/19 substituted for a7552
06/20/19 ordered to third reading rules cal.601
06/20/19 passed assembly
06/20/19 returned to senate
10/28/19 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR
11/08/19 SIGNED CHAP.474

METZGER

Amd §§218 & 219-f, Gen Muni L

Relates to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers.

EFF. DATE 11/08/2019 (SEE TABLE)

STATE OF NEW YORK

4207--A

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 4, 2019

Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 218 of the general municipal
2 law, as amended by chapter 452 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (b) The sponsor of a defined contribution plan shall contribute to the
5 plan a fixed amount of money, as determined by the sponsor, on behalf of
6 each participant who is credited with a year of service. The minimum and
7 maximum contribution requirements for a defined contribution service
8 award program shall be as follows. The minimum contribution shall be one
9 hundred twenty dollars per year of service. The maximum contribution
10 shall be [~~seven~~] twelve hundred dollars per year of service. The maximum
11 number of years of service for which a participant may receive a
12 contribution shall be forty years. The sponsor shall appropriate annual-
13 ly an amount sufficient to pay the contributions.

14 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 219-f of the general municipal law, as
15 amended by chapter 452 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 1. The sponsor of a service award program shall contribute to the
18 program a fixed amount of money, as determined by the sponsor, on behalf
19 of each participant who is credited with a year of ambulance service.
20 The minimum contribution shall be one hundred twenty dollars per year of
21 ambulance service. The maximum contribution shall be [~~seven~~] twelve
22 hundred dollars per year of ambulance service.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

LBD10432-02-9

S. 4207--A

2

1 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, any
2 change or amendment to a service award program made by this act shall
3 only take effect as of the first of January next succeeding completion
4 of the proceedings required for adoption of such change or amendment and
5 shall only apply prospectively.

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S4207A

SPONSOR: METZGER

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs

PURPOSE:

To increase from seven hundred dollars, to twelve hundred dollars, the maximum contribution that may be made per year of service to a defined contribution plan service award for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance squad members.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1: Amends subdivision (b) of section 218 of the General Municipal Law to increase from seven hundred dollars, to twelve hundred dollars, the maximum contribution that may be made per year of service to a defined contribution plan service award for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance squad members.

Section 2: Effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

Section 218 of the General Municipal Law which provides for the defined contribution plan service award for volunteer firefighters and ambulance squad members was enacted as Chapter 775 of 1988. Since that time the maximum award allowed has not kept up with inflation and has been increased only once, in 2004, from \$480 per year to the current cap of \$700 per year. It is becoming more and more difficult to recruit volunteer firefighters and ambulance squad members, by increasing the maximum allowed to be awarded under the defined contribution plan, this will make it easier to attract individuals to become volunteers.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

S9163 of 2017/18 : REFERRED TO RULES
S.2110 of 2015/16: Referred to Local Government

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None to the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.

2021-180

Dawne Kelly

From: Andrew Schug <aschug@barberahomes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Dawne Kelly
Subject: RE: 905 Ridge View Circle Permit

Dawn,

Have we been added to the agenda for our refund?

Let me know

Thanks

Andrew Schug
Assistant Estimator
Barbera Homes
9 Avis Drive
Latham, NY 12110
518-690-0777

From: Andrew Schug
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 3:04 PM
To: dawne.kelly@schodack.org
Cc: Frank Barbera <fbarbera@barberahomes.com>
Subject: 905 Ridge View Circle Permit

Dawne,

We are no longer going to need the attached permit.

Please get us on the agenda for a town meeting and let me know the time and date.

Thanks for the help,

Andrew Schug
Assistant Estimator
Barbera Homes
9 Avis Drive
Latham, NY 12110
518-690-0777

2021-180

Dawne Kelly

From: Martha Reed
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Dawne Kelly
Cc: Joseph Tremblay; Gary Ziegler
Subject: 905 Ridge View Circle

The Building Department issued the permit for 905 Ridge View Circle on 4/8/2021 for a fee of \$924.10. The review of this permit application was approximately 4 hours @ a fee of \$50 per hour.

If further information is required, please let us know.

Martha D. Reed
Building Department Secretary
Town of Schodack
518- 477-7940- phone
518- 477-7983 - fax
mreed@schodack.org