

Ordinance 7-2021  
Passed April 13, 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32.022 OF THE PLYMOUTH CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND COMPENSATION OF VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND TO CREATE PAID PART-TIME POSITIONS OF FIREFIGHTERS/EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief is recommending an update in the organization of the Fire Department's composition of Department's ranking officers, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide regular and uninterrupted village emergency services the payment of paid part-time positions in the village fire department is necessary, and

WHEREAS, the amendment will address the current needs and practices of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF RICHLAND/HURON, STATE OF OHIO:

1. THAT Section 32.022 of the Plymouth Codified Ordinances; Composition and Responsibilities of officers; Compensation, is amended and shall read as follows:

32.022 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS;  
COMPENSATION.

(A) Officers.

- (1) There is hereby created within the Fire Department the following positions and respective order of command and responsibility:
  - (a) A Fire Chief who shall be the head of both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Division of the Fire Department;
  - (b) Up to three (3) Assistant Chiefs who shall be second in command of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Division;
  - (c) Up to three (3) Captains who shall be third in command of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Division; and
  - (d) Up to three (3) Lieutenants who shall be fourth in command of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Division.
- (2) Each of the above positions and any vacancy occurring therein shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. Each appointment shall be approved and confirmed by a majority vote of the members of Council.
- (3) The incumbent of each of the above positions shall be paid an annual salary from the operation and maintenance of funds of the Fire Department and Ambulance Division, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the pay ordinance then in effect. Payments shall be made in equal monthly installments.

- (B) Firefighters/Emergency Medical Technicians, Drivers and Dispatchers. Firefighters/Emergency medical technicians, Firefighters/paramedics, drivers and dispatchers responding to calls shall be members of the Village Fire Department. Members of the Department may be volunteers or paid part-time

village employees. Job descriptions for each position shall be maintained by the Fire Chief.

(C) Compensation.

- (1) Members of the Fire Department who meet the qualifications set forth by Council may perform services in both the Fire and Ambulance Divisions, but shall be paid at the rate prescribed by the ordinance for the division in which the services are performed.
- (2) Firefighters/Emergency medical technicians, firefighters/paramedics, drivers and dispatchers shall be compensated as provided, in accordance with the pay ordinance then in effect by Council, payable from the Ambulance Operation and Maintenance Fund.
- (3) The compensation of volunteer firefighters shall be determined, from time to time, by Council, and shall be payable monthly from the Fire Operation and Maintenance Fund. The compensation of Firefighter/EMT's who work scheduled part-time shifts shall be determined, from time to time, by Council, and shall be payable from the respective departments Operations and Maintenance Fund on a bi-weekly basis.

- 2. THAT the original Section 32.022 is repealed.
- 3. THAT Ordinance1-2021 is repealed.
- 4. THAT it is hereby determined that this Ordinance is an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Village and for the further reason that there is an immediate need to provide for the public safety and welfare by these services in less than thirty (30) days, and shall therefore go into immediate effect provided it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members elected to this Council, otherwise it shall go into effect in thirty (30) days if passed by a majority vote of Council.

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PASSED: April 13, 2021

Cassandra Fryman  
Mayor

ATTEST: D. Anne Jameson  
Village Fiscal Officer

April 13, 2021  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jon K. Burton  
Jon K. Burton, Solicitor