

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARENCE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Clarence Fire District No. 1 will take place on December 14, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Clarence Fire Hall located at 10355 Main Street, Clarence, New York 14031, for the purpose of electing the following fire district officer:

One Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2026;

All candidates for a District Office shall be residents of the Clarence Fire District No. 1, not convicted of any degree of arson. Persons seeking office must file a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the Clarence Fire District No. 1, stating the position and term they are seeking, with the Secretary of the Clarence Fire District No. 1, at 10355 Main Street, Clarence, New York 14031. Such petition must be filed with and actually received by the Fire District Secretary on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at such annual election the following Resolutions of the Board of Fire Commissioners authorizing the amendment of the Length of Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the shall also be submitted to qualified voters of the Clarence Fire District No. 1 for approval:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Clarence Fire District No. 1, Town of Clarence, County of Erie, as authorized by Article 11-A of the GML, approves an amendment to the LOSAP pursuant to Chapter 400 of the Laws of 2021 to extend the maximum years of Service Credit that may be earned under its LOSAP from 30 to 50 years, and therefore the maximum Accrued Monthly Service Award from \$600 to \$1,000, effective January 1, 2022. The calendar year 2022 contribution to be made by the Fire District for the LOSAP is currently expected to be about \$125,000. Of this total contribution, the component attributable to each participating volunteer firefighter that earns Service Credit averages about \$1,600. As a result of this amendment, the annual contribution requirement will

increase by approximately \$30,000, to an estimated amount of \$155,000. The component of the contribution attributable to each participating volunteer firefighter that earns Service Credit will change to about \$1,800. The Fire District pays an additional \$7,000 annually in administrative expenses, which will not change as a result of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum of qualified voters of the Clarence Fire District No. 1 and said referendum shall be held on December 14, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM (prevailing time) at 10355 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposition placed before the qualified voters read as follows:

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CLARENCE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, TOWN OF CLARENCE, COUNTY OF ERIE, IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED OCTOBER 19, 2021, APPROVED AN AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHED FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CLARENCE FIRE COMPANY, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR WHICH A PARTICIPATING ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MAY EARN A SERVICE AWARD FROM 30 TO 50 YEARS, AND THEREFORE THE MAXIMUM PROJECTED ACCRUED MONTHLY SERVICE AWARD FROM \$600 TO \$1,000, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 CONTRIBUTION DUE FOR THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT \$125,000, WHICH INCLUDES AN AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION FOR EACH PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER THAT EARNS SERVICE CREDIT OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,600. AS A RESULT OF THIS AMENDMENT, THE ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY \$30,000 TO APPROXIMATELY \$155,000. THE

AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION FOR EACH PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER THAT EARNS SERVICE CREDIT WILL ALSO INCREASE TO ABOUT \$1,800. THE DISTRICT PAYS ADDITIONAL ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF ABOUT \$7,000 WHICH WILL NOT CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THIS AMENDMENT.

SHALL THE STATED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS BE APPROVED?

Any elector of the Clarence Fire District No. 1 who shall be registered voter with the Erie County Board of Elections on or prior to November 22, 2021 and who shall have resided in the Clarence Fire District No. 1 for at least thirty days preceding such election shall be qualified to vote.

November 17, 2021

**Clarence Fire District No. 1
Kristi Mora, Secretary**