

**Borough of Northumberland
Northumberland County, Pennsylvania**

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND,
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER
5 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. Name: This Ordinance shall be named the “Fire Department Ordinance of 2002.”

SECTION 2. There are created two new subsections entitled ~5.2E and ~5.2F:

“E. Prior to taking a seat on the Fire Board, members must be confirmed by Borough Council. This confirmation is required for all nine (9) members who serve on the Fire Board at time of initial recommendation by a Company and at each time a member moves up the ladder.

Copies of Fire Board procedures, qualifications and policies shall be made available to the public in the Borough Office.

F. Meetings of the Fire Board shall be duly advertised and open to the public. Minutes from these meetings shall be available to the public in the Borough Office.”

SECTION 3. The following language is stricken from section ~5.3G: “#4. He shall have received the approval of the Borough Council.”

SECTION 4. Section ~5.4 will be re-titled “Chain of Command and discipline” and have added the following paragraph:

“Problems amongst members of the Fire Board shall be dealt with within the Fire Board, except those of a possible criminal, interdepartmental or dismissal nature, which shall be addressed by Borough Council.”

SECTION 5. Section ~5.6 A and ~5.6B are re-written:

“A. All fire apparatus radio communications numbers shall be assigned by the **County of Northumberland.**

“B. All fire apparatus shall be dispatched by the communication center designed by the **County of Northumberland.** “

SECTION 6. Section ~5.8 is re-written:

“Each Company in the Department shall nominate six (6) members of the Company as Fire Police, subject to a background investigation. Final appointment to the Fire Police is to be confirmed by Borough Council. Once appointed as a member of the Fire Police, your appointment remains in effect until the January of the odd numbered year following your appointment, except in the instance of resignation or removal. If one Company cannot nominate and have confirmed six members of its Company for the Fire Police, the other Company may fill the vacant positions of the other Company. After their confirmation they shall have, while on duty, all the powers of a police officer, and shall be respected accordingly. The time of their duty shall commence at the time or when an alarm is sounded or upon the call of the Mayor, president of Borough Council, or Police and shall not cease until their commanding officer shall so order. The Borough Council shall furnish each fireman appointed as a Fire Police a certificate of his appointment and a badge emblematic of his authority.

“The next term for members of the Fire Police shall begin in January 2003 and expire at the appointment of new members in January of the following odd numbered year. Terms continue accordingly thereafter for a period of two (2) years. All vacancies created by resignation or removal shall be filled following a nomination by the Company, successful background investigation and final appointment to the Fire Police by Borough Council.

“Copies of Fire Police procedures, qualifications and policies shall be made available to the public in the Borough Office.”

SECTION 7. Section ~5.9 is re-written:

“It shall be the duty of the Fire Police to take charge of all property at a fire and use all means in their power to protect the same from fire and theft; also; establish fire limits within which no one shall be allowed except by permission of said Fire Police. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent the regular town police and firemen from having access to these fire lines.

“The Squad will go to out-of-town events with the permission of the Mayor, or Borough Council or of the Fire Chief.”

SECTION 8. Section ~5.10 will be re-titled “Fire Police officers and discipline” and be re-written as follows:

“The officers of the Fire Police shall consist of a Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant who shall be elected by the Fire Police and shall hold the office for two (2) years, a term that expires in January of the odd year following your appointment. The Captain and Lieutenant shall have Red Lights and Siren. All other members of the Fire Police shall run with Blue Lights.

Problems amongst members of the Fire Police shall be dealt with within the Fire Police, except those of a possible criminal, interdepartmental or dismissal nature, which shall be addressed by Borough Council. “

SECTION 9. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, PA this _____ day of _____, 2002.

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Secretary

President

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Mayor