

RESOLUTION 11-20
Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
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Amending Resolution 08-24 Dealing with the District's Application Policy

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) of Franklin Township (NJ) Fire District No. 1 (the District) recognizes that the primary mission of the District and its members is the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that a part of this mission includes the protection and safety of all property, real and personal, within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that because its firefighters must often enter unprotected businesses and residences of the District, it is necessary that the character and integrity of the firefighters of this District be of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, The Franklin Township Police Department, under the recommendation of the New Jersey State Police Investigations Bureau, has recommended to the District and the District has in fact adopted **DISQUALIFYING FACTORS** as they pertain to applicant background checks performed by the Franklin Township Police Department on behalf of the District which said factors were codified pursuant to Resolution 08-24 adopted by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, after these disqualifying factors were adopted by the Board of Commissioners, an additional layer of review was conducted by the District Standards Committee and Commissioners who have determined that certain revisions are recommended to be made to the existing disqualifying factors policy; and

WHEREAS, the District's legal counsel has reviewed those proposed recommended changes and finds same to be consistent and not in conflict with what is permitted under current State statute.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 (Somerset County) New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the disqualifying factors policy as set forth under previous resolution 08-24 to be amended to now read as follows:

DISQUALIFYING FACTORS

1. Any conviction for a crime or disorderly persons offense, except those which have been expunged or sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction. This includes crimes in any other state or jurisdiction which, if committed in New Jersey, would constitute a crime or disorderly persons offense. Petty disorderly persons offenses are not deemed a disqualifying factor.
2. Any criminal charge resulting in a Diversionary Program (i.e. Pretrial Intervention, conditional discharge, etc...) unless that person has successfully fulfilled the terms and conditions of supervisory treatment imposed by the court;

3. Any outstanding arrest warrant for the candidate, including but not limited to traffic warrants, criminal warrants, child support warrants, and NCIC/SCIC warrants;
4. Any conviction of a crime dealing with arson or other related offenses as set forth under N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1 et seq.; and
5. A currently suspended or revoked NJ drivers license; however, this shall only disqualify the applicant from operating Fire District vehicles and shall not disqualify the applicant from membership.

Absent

 Bernard L. Pongratz, Chairman

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YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Timothy Szymborski

 Timothy Szymborski, Clerk

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YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Donald Bell

 Donald Bell, Treasurer

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YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Absent

 James Wickman, Commissioner

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YES	NO	ABSTAIN

Jason Goldberg

 Jason Goldberg, Commissioner

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YES	NO	ABSTAIN

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2011.

Timothy Szymborski

 TIMOTHY SZYMBORSKI, CLERK