

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION), SECTION 8-34 (QUALIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS)

WHEREAS, Council has been requested to amend Chapter 8 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Code of the City of Norton so as to permit persons 16 years of age or older to become members of the Norton Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, having duly advertised and held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendment, Council decided to enact it.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:


1. That Chapter 8, Section 8-34 as presently stated be, and it hereby, repealed.
2. That Chapter 8, Section 8-34 as attached hereto as a part hereof be, and it is hereby, substituted for and in the place of the current code provision.
3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) from the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED: August 7, 2018



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL

<u>Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Delores Belcher	<u>X</u>	_____
Joseph Fawbush	<u>X</u>	_____
Mark Caruso	<u>X</u>	_____
Robert Fultz	<u>X</u>	_____
William Mays	<u>X</u>	_____

1. Any citizen of good reputation residing in the City or the immediate vicinity and eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be eligible for membership in the department; provided, that he or she passes the necessary physical examination and that his or her membership has been approved by the City Manager prior to his or her election as a member of the department.

1.1. Participation by minors, 16 years of age or older.

1.1.1. Subject to restrictions established by the department, any minor who is 16 years of age or older, a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and a member of the Norton Fire Department, is authorized to work with or to participate fully in all activities of Norton Fire Department; provided that Norton Fire Department has satisfied insurance requirements and further provided such person has first given to the department written record of the following:

- a) Proof of residency in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- b) Written record of his or her parent's or guardian's approval of such participation; and
- c) Certification under National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, firefighter standards, as administered by the state department of fire programs.

1.1.2. The written records of residency; certification under National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, firefighter standards; and parental or guardian consent shall be kept on file in the office of the fire department for each participant who is enrolled in Norton Fire Department pursuant to this section.

2. The department shall consist of not less than twenty (20) active members who shall perform the actual duties of firefighters as required by the laws of the state, this Code and other ordinances of the City and the rules, regulations and bylaws of the department. The maximum number of active members shall be set by the City Manager with the approval of the City Council.