



Borough of Oakland  
Bergen County, New Jersey

**Resolution 20-257**

Amend the 2020 LOSAP Point System

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**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 1998, the Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program was signed into law to provide tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer members of an emergency service organization, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191, the Borough of Oakland did establish a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland First Aide Squad to recognize their commitment and service to the community, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191, emergency service organizations participating in a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) shall annually certify to the sponsoring agency a list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the previous year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the certification shall be based on records maintained by the emergency service organization in accordance with the sponsoring agency's adopted point system, and;

**WHEREAS**, in March of 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency and issued Executive orders prohibiting certain activities including non-essential meetings, drills & trainings which are critical elements of the adopted point systems, and;

**WHEREAS**, the cancellation of these meetings, drills and trainings for the majority of the 2020 calendar year due to COVID19 could preclude active volunteer members from achieving the points required to qualify for the LOSAP award credit in 2020 under the current point systems, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland First Aide Squad have different point systems that have been impacted differently by the Executive Orders, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Fire Department and the Oakland First Aide Squad have continued to provide critical emergency services to the residents of the community during the pandemic at their own personal risk and merit the recognition of their service that LOSAP provides;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the point system for LOSAP credit qualification for 2020 will be amended as follows:

**Oakland Fire Department**

- The number of points required for LOSAP eligibility will be changed to 35 points.
- The minimum requirement and maximum points achievable restrictions will be removed from each LOSAP point category.

### **Oakland First Aide Squad**

- The number of points required for LOSAP eligibility will be changed to 80 points.
- The minimum requirement and maximum points achievable restrictions will be removed from each LOSAP point category.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the amended point system will be posted at the office of the Municipal Clerk, and returned to the Oakland Fire Department & the Oakland First Aide Squad for posting at their locations, for a period of 30 days to allow sufficient time for membership review.

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LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

Date Adopted: October 28, 2020

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biale						
Knapp						
Kulmala						
Pignatelli						
Talamini						
Van Eck						
Mayor Schwager						