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Public Notice of Pending Ordinance 25-09

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on May 6, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Borough of Matawan, Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on May 20, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at www.matawanborough.com.

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 25-09

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2- 15.4 – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN FINGERPRINTING PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to revise the existing municipal code to permit fingerprinting of fire department applicants to be conducted by either an external fingerprinting service provider or the Matawan Police Department, in alignment with practices approved by the New Jersey State Police.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Code

Section 2-15.4(d) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Matawan is hereby amended to read as follows (additions in **bold and underlined**, deletions in *[brackets and strikethrough]*):

- d. Upon the filing of an application to the Volunteer Fire Department, the applicant shall have fingerprints taken **by either** an external service provider **approved by the New Jersey State Police or** the Matawan Police Department. The provider or department shall submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Division of State Police and/or State Bureau of Identification who shall conduct an investigation so as to ascertain the truth of the statements of the application, including but not limited to the applicant's criminal record and the applicant's driving record. If, as a result of the background investigation, the applicant is found to have been convicted of a violation enumerated in N.J.S.A. 15:8-1.1, a disorderly persons offense, has made false statements on the application, or if any other information is discovered that may indicate the applicant poses a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the community—**and where the findings do not result in a clear disqualification or an appeal is petitioned by the Volunteer Fire Department—the Volunteer Fire Department, in collaboration with the Borough Administrator, Personnel Officer, Chief of Police, and Labor Attorney, shall assist and provide input to the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee shall evaluate the matter and provide a recommendation to the Governing Body regarding the applicant's candidacy for membership in the Department.**

SECTION 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.