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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 124**

**CHAPTER 124.  
Volunteer Fire Department**

**§ 124-01. Official Fire Company.**

**§ 124-02. Firemen’s Relief Association.**

**[HISTORY: Ordinances of Waymart Borough adopted on April 13, 1993 as Ordinance No. 93-3 and on April 30, 1994 as Ordinance No. 94-3.]**

**§ 124-01. Official Fire Company.**

**A. Waymart Volunteer Fire Company Recognized.**

The Waymart Volunteer Fire Company, organized and existing in the Borough of Waymart, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as the officially recognized fire company for the Borough of Waymart.

**B. Primary Function.**

The Waymart Volunteer Fire Company is hereby authorized to provide such services to the Borough as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate therein, which include, by way of example and not of limitation, the extinguishment and prevention of loss of life and property from fire, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and other dangerous situations.

**C. Extended Duties.**

The Waymart Volunteer Fire Company and its membership, is authorized by the Borough Council of the Borough of Waymart to perform the following in addition to its primary functions as set forth above:

- (1) Participation in drills, practices, training sessions and pre-fire planning activities, test or competitions, either within or outside of the Municipality, as may be deemed necessary by the Fire Chief in maintaining proficiency in providing service.
- (2) Participation in community celebrations, ceremonial observances and funerals for deceased firefighters or other public figures where such attendance is deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief. Out-of-town participation must have prior approval of Borough Council.
- (3) Performance of duties necessary to prepare the fire station for use as a distribution center or a polling place for the primary and general elections. This is extended to include like service performed at other Municipal or school district buildings.
- (4) Preparation for and responsible participation in parades; providing, that attendance has the prior approval of the officers of the Fire Company. Out-of-town participation must also have prior approval of Borough Council.

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- (5) Nonemergency public service functions performed for the welfare of the community, including the recovery of animals, as long as these activities are responsibly supervised and are sanctioned by the Waymart Borough Fire Company.
- (6) Rendering of assistance to police officers where such aid is specifically requested or is done without request to protect the public welfare from imminent danger, including fire/police duties.
- (7) Participation in fire prevention activities, post-fire investigations, bomb searches, evacuation drills and fire lane enforcement.
- (8) Participation in public programs to promote health and safety, to enlist new members, or solicit community support, or conduct fund raising activities, so long as no compensation is being paid to the member while engaged in the fund raising activity, one hundred (100) percent of the proceeds go to the fire company, and so long as each activity is sanctioned by the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company.
- (9) Safe and responsible performance of maintenance and remodeling work on the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company vehicles, buildings, ground or equipment.
- (10) Such other duties necessary for the efficient operation of the volunteer services as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Borough Council and the officers of the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company and as may be defined within the constitution and bylaws of the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company.

D. Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to recognize the Waymart Volunteer Fire Company as the official fire Company of the Borough of Waymart and to state additional authorized activities for firefighters for workmen's compensation purposes.

**§ 124-02. Firemen's Relief Association.**

- A. The following association is hereby recognized as actively engaged in providing fire protection and/or emergency services in the Borough of Waymart.

**Fire Company No. 1 Firemen's Relief Association**

The above named association has been formed for the benefit of its members and their families in case of death, sickness, temporary or permanent disability or accident suffered in the line of duty.

- B. Fire Company No. 1 Firemen's Relief Association is designated the proper association(s) to receive such funds as are due and payable to the Borough Treasurer by the Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania from the tax on premiums from foreign fire insurance companies.
- C. The Borough Council of the Borough of Waymart shall annually certify to the Auditor General of the Commonwealth, the name(s) of the active associations and the percentage of service they

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contribute to the protection of the Borough. Such certification shall be on forms prescribed by the Auditor General.

- D. There is annually appropriated from the Borough Treasury all such sums of money that may hereafter be paid into the Borough Treasury by the Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania on account of taxes paid on premiums of foreign fire insurance companies in pursuance of the Act of December 18, 1984, No. 205, §701 et seq., as hereafter amended, supplemented, modified or reenacted by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. Such monies received by the Borough Treasurer from the State Treasurer shall be distributed to Fire Company No. 1 Firemen's Relief Association within sixty (60) days of receipt. The funds shall be distributed on the basis of the percentage of service established in the certification to the Auditor General and with other provisions of the Act.