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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS, TO BE ADDED TO THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Firefighters of the Norwich Volunteer Fire Companies provide an outstanding service to the Town of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 99-272, a municipality may by ordinance provide for an abatement of property taxes for volunteer firefighters in an amount up to \$ 1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Norwich is desirous of showing its appreciation for the faithful and courageous performance of their duties by the volunteer firefighters in the Town of Norwich and encouraging others to become volunteer firefighters within the Town of Norwich;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Norwich City Council that the following ordinance be and is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-81 of the General Statutes as amended by Public Act 99-272, which new section shall be numbered Section 7-26, and which shall read as follows:

- (1) Any member seeking an abatement must have attended a minimum of twenty (20%) percent of the years emergency calls and meets the training requirements as prescribed by the bylaws of the individual Volunteer Fire Company (both calculated from January 1 - December 31 of each year).
- (2) A member who cannot perform his/her duty as a result of a department-related injury shall have their percentage of attendance adjusted according to time lost.
- (3) The Chief of each individual Volunteer Fire Company shall submit a notarized list of all eligible members, as well as their respective level of tax abatement to the Norwich Tax Collector, no later than March 1st of each year, in order to be eligible for a tax abatement for the following July 1st grand list. This tax abatement shall be applied only to residential property tax or personal property tax, whether such property is owned individually, jointly or as tenant in common with one or more other persons.

- (4) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to imply that if an eligible member has less tax liability than their permitted amount of tax abatement, that they are entitled to receive any additional funds from the City of Norwich under this ordinance.
- (5) The Tax Collector for the Town of Norwich shall maintain a record of all taxes abated in accordance with this Ordinance.

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