

Local Law No. ___ of 2023

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE
HUDSON CITY CHARTER AND
UPDATE LANGUAGE RELATING TO
CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Title.

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. ___ for the year 2023.

Section 2. Legislative Findings.

The Common Council of the City of Hudson finds that Sections C23-11, C21-12, and C21-21 of the City Charter have not been revised in over 30 years resulting in a number of outdated and antiquated provisions the relating to the operation of the City of Hudson Fire Department that are no longer relevant or applicable to the Department's operations.

Section 3. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of the Common Council to amend section C21 of the City Charter to update language that is no longer relevant to relevant to the operations of the City of Hudson Fire Department.

Section 4. Statement of Authority.

This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

Section 5. Amendments.

**A. Hudson City Charter, Article 21, Subsection C21-11 is hereby AMENDED by
DELETING the subsection and REPLACING it with the following:**

The Commissioner may procure necessary engine rescue trucks and other necessary and convenient apparatus for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, in addition to the engine rescue trucks and other apparatus now belonging to the City, and he shall maintain safe and convenient places and buildings for keeping the same, and shall repair and improve the same or any part thereof, and shall keep said buildings in repair, and do all things necessary to equip, manage and control the Fire Department of the City.

B. Hudson City Charter, Article 21, Subsection C21-12(E) is hereby AMENDED by DELETING the subsection and REPLACING it with the following:

Any fire company may authorize the continued membership of any volunteer member where such member notifies the Chief of the Fire Department that he plans to change his residence to territory which is not in the City and that by reason of his residence in the vicinity and his usual occupation he will be available to render active service as a volunteer fireman in the City. Such authorization shall be pursuant to the bylaws, if any, of the fire company of which he is a member; otherwise by a three-fourths vote of the members of such fire company present and voting at a regular or special meeting thereof. Such authorization shall not become effective unless approved by action of the Commissioner of Fire. Any membership continued pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall terminate when the member cannot meet either the requirements of this subsection or the residence requirements of Subsection C of this section.

C. Hudson City Charter, Article 21, Subsection C21-21 is hereby AMENDED by DELETING the subsection and REPLACING it with the following:

The salary of the Chief of the Fire Department, the expense of office furniture, printing, stationery, books, the expenses of fire trucks, , hose and other apparatus for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, the repair of buildings in the charge of the Department of Fire and the expense of maintaining the fire alarm system, including the incidental expenses of the Department, shall be paid by the City Treasurer on the draft of the Commissioner of Fire, but not, however, in excess of the amount raised by tax for the Department's uses and purposes in any year.

Section 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon passage and filing with the Secretary of State.

Introduced _____

Seconded _____

Approved _____

By _____

Kamal Johnson, Mayor