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**RESOLUTION OF HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT TO AMEND
SECTION 1, CHAPTER 637 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1910 ENTITLED
"AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT" AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Harrisville Fire District, is committed to fostering a more inclusive and representative government;

WHEREAS, the current Harrisville Fire District charter, adopted in 1910 and subsequently amended, has been reviewed and found to require certain additional amendments to reflect the needs of the community and to stay current with emerging issues, technological advancements, and evolving societal values;

WHEREAS, the Harrisville Fire District Operating Committee has examined the Charter to identify certain provisions that are outdated, no longer relevant, or hinder the Harrisville Fire District's ability to meet current challenges;

WHEREAS, the Harrisville Fire District deems it necessary to amend Section 1, Chapter 637 of the Public Laws of 1910 entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Harrisville Fire District" as amended;

WHEREAS, that the below resolutions have been transmitted to legal counsel for review and consideration, and that on or about November 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. a Special Meeting was held allowing for the Operating Committee to review and for citizen input on the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendments to the Harrisville Fire District Charter are hereby proposed:

That Section (b)(A)(1) be amended as follows:

(b) Management and Officers

A. Operating Committee -- Establishment.

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, all the powers of the district shall be vested in and exercised by an operating committee elected by the electors of the district and consisting of five (5) members ~~seven (7) members~~ who shall be residents and electors of the district and chosen as follows: at the first annual meeting following the passage of this charter, one (1) member will be elected for a three year term. The remaining members will complete the terms for which they were elected; ~~two (2) members shall be elected for one (1) year, two (2) members for two (2) years, and three (3) members for three (3) years;~~ and, thereafter, as the terms of the members expire, there shall be elected two (2) or three (3) members as the case may be.

That Section (b)(B)(4) be amended as follows:

(b) Management and Officers

B. Powers of the Operating Committee.

4. To insert new items or increase any items in the budgets of the district whenever the same may be deemed necessary or convenient, provided no budget may be exceeded by more than ~~2.5%~~ 5% without prior approval of the district at a special meeting.

That Section (C)(c) be amended as follows:

(c) Electors and Meetings

C. Notice. All meetings, whether annual or special, shall be held at some suitable place within the territorial limits of the district. All such meetings shall be publicized by posting notices thereof in at least five (5) public places in the district, not less than one week prior to the date on which such meeting is called. Notice shall also be published not less than one week prior to the meeting in a public newspaper which is published ~~daily~~ weekly, or has a digital platform and has a circulation within the town of Burrillville. It shall be the duty of the clerk or the moderator to call a special meeting upon written application signed by twelve (12) electors of the district or upon the order of the operating committee. Whenever the subject of ordering a tax or an amendment to this charter is to be acted upon, the same shall be so stated in the notice; provided, that notice of an annual meeting need not mention that a tax levy is to be acted upon.

That Section (C)(e) be amended as follows:

(c) Electors and Meetings

E. Quorum. Ten electors shall be deemed to constitute a quorum for ~~any meeting~~ the annual meeting of the district or any special district meeting.

And that section (d)(B)(1) be amended as follows:

(d) Taxation

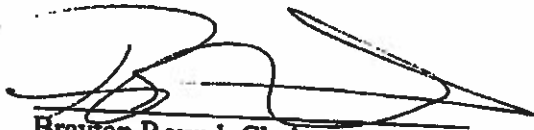
B. Assessment.

1. The district operating committee shall annually levy and assess a tax at such a rate so as to provide revenue sufficient to pay all operating expenses together with any other items set forth in the budget for the current year, on all property within the limits of the district, or belonging to the residents thereof, which is liable to taxation under this charter, said levy and assessment to be made by the operating committee on or before August 15th 22nd in each year. The operating committee, upon completing the assessment for the year, shall date and sign the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that upon final approval of these amendments, they shall become part of the Harrisville Fire District Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2025.



Brayton Round, Chairman of Harrisville Fire District Operating Committee