



**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. ___-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DECLARING THE BOARD'S GRATITUDE TO THE OGONTZ FIRE COMPANY FOR ITS PAST SERVICE AND ALSO AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE I ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION", SECTION 1 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT", IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5 INTO OTHER FIRE DISTRICTS AND MAKING OTHER INCIDENTAL AMENDMENTS THERETO

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township has established fire districts for each volunteer fire company located within the Township as more fully set forth in Section 22-1 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners values the volunteer service, dedication to duty and skill of the volunteer firefighters of Cheltenham Township; and

WHEREAS, the staffing of volunteer fire companies throughout the Commonwealth have encountered issues for several years in maintaining sufficient numbers of personnel to carry out volunteer fire companies' duties safely and adequately; and

WHEREAS, it is important for each volunteer fire company which is a member of the Cheltenham Township Fire Department to maintain a sufficient level of active fire-fighting force to adequately and safely carry out its duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners acted to no longer recognize Ogontz Fire Company as an operating fire protection entity of the Township on December 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby **ORDAINS** and **ENACTS** as follows (deleted text in strikethrough type, new text in underscored type):

SECTION I. - Declaration.

The Board of Commissioners extends its thanks to, and gratitude for, the members of the Ogontz Fire Company, both present and past, for their selfless and faithful service to the citizens of Cheltenham Township. The Board directs the Township Manager to prepare a proclamation to be provided at an appropriate time to the members of the Ogontz Fire Company in recognition of such loyal and selfless sacrifice. The Board further directs the Township Staff to take such steps as are necessary to assist willing Ogontz Fire Company members to transfer to other fire companies within the Township.

SECTION II. - Amendment to the Code.

Chapter 22 entitled "Fire Department", Article I entitled "Establishment and Organization", Section 1

entitled "Establishment of Fire Department" is hereby amended as follows:

A. The Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township do ordain that the Fire Department of Cheltenham shall consist of the following volunteer fire companies:

- (1) Glenside Fire Company No. 1.
- (2) La Mott Fire Company No. 1.
- (3) Elkins Park Fire Company.
- (4) Cheltenham Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.
- ~~(5) Ogontz Fire Company.~~

B. Each fire company shall operate in a separate district as follows:

- (1) District No. 1: Glenside Fire Company No.1, bounded on the north by township dividing line at the northernmost corner of Cheltenham Township, dividing Abington Township, Cheltenham Township and Springfield Township and extending southeastward along the division line between the Townships of Abington and Cheltenham to the Borough of Jenkintown; thence southwestward and southeastward along the dividing line between the Borough of Jenkintown and Cheltenham Township to Washington Lane; thence extending southwestward along Washington Lane to Church Road; thence northwestward along Church Road on the North side to Greenwood Avenue; thence southwestward along Greenwood Avenue on the West side to Limekiln Pike; thence southwestward along Limekiln Pike to Cheltenham Avenue; thence northwestward along Cheltenham Avenue to the corner in the Springfield Township line; thence northeastward along Springfield Township line to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning, division line of Abington-Cheltenham and Springfield Townships.
- (2) District No. 2: La Mott Fire Company No. 1, bounded on the southwest by Cheltenham Avenue, beginning at the intersection of Old York Road and extending northwestward along Cheltenham Avenue to Limekiln Pike; thence northeastward along Limekiln Pike to Greenwood Avenue; thence northeastward along Greenwood Avenue to Church Road; ~~thence southeastward along Church Road to Washington Lane; thence southwestward along Washington Lane to Ashbourne Road; thence southeastward along Ashbourne Road to Old York Road; thence southwestward along Old York Road to the first mentioned point and place of beginning, Cheltenham Avenue~~ thence southeastward along Church Road on the South side to the railroad at Wall Park; thence southwestward along Cheltenham Hills Drive to Old York Road; thence southeastward along Old York Road on the southbound side to Cheltenham Avenue to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning, Cheltenham Avenue.
- (3) District No. 3: Elkins Park Fire Company, bounded on the southwest by Cheltenham Avenue, beginning at the intersection of Old York Road and extending southeastward along Cheltenham Avenue to New Second Street; thence extending northeastward along New Second Street to Township Line Road; thence northwestward along Township Line Road to ~~Forrest Avenue; thence southwestward along Forrest Avenue to York Road; thence still southwestward along York Road to the first mentioned place and point of beginning, Cheltenham Avenue.~~ Washington Lane; thence southeastward along Washington Lane to Church Road; thence southeastward long Church Road on the North side of the railroad at Wall Park; thence southeastward from the railroad to Old York Road; thence southeastward on the Northbound side of Old York Road to the first-mentioned place and point of beginning, Cheltenham Avenue.
- (4) District No. 4: Cheltenham Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, bounded on the northeast by Cottman Avenue, beginning at the intersection of Hasbrook Avenue and extending northwestward along Cottman Avenue and Township Line Road to New Second Street; thence extending southwestward along New Second Street on the South side to Cheltenham Avenue; thence southeastward along Cheltenham Avenue to the southernmost corner of Cheltenham Township; thence in a general northeasterly direction along its various courses along the Newtown-New York Branch of Reading Railroad and township line to a point of intersection of Hasbrook Avenue and Old Soldiers Road; thence still northeastward along Hasbrook Avenue to the first-mentioned point and place of beginning, Cottman Avenue.

~~(5) District No. 5: Ogontz Fire Company, bounded as follows: beginning at the intersection of Old York Road and Forrest Avenue and extending southwestward along Old York Road to Ashbourne Road; thence extending northwestward along Ashbourne Road to Washington Lane; thence extending northeastward along Washington Lane to Township Line Road; thence extending southeastward along Township Line Road to Forrest Avenue to the first mentioned point and place of beginning, Old York Road.~~

SECTION III. - Amendment to the Code.

Chapter 22 entitled “Fire Department”, Article I entitled “Establishment and Organization”, Section 3 entitled “Fire Board Established; membership; meetings.”, subsection A. is hereby amended as follows:

A. There shall be a Fire Board consisting of ~~eight nine~~ members; ~~four five~~ members shall be the Fire Chiefs of the individual fire companies, one member shall be the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners, and three members shall be members of the Board of Commissioners.

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SECTION IV. - Disclaimer

Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit, in any manner whatsoever, the Township's right to enforce any ordinance or law of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be a defense of any citation issued by any municipal corporation or the Commonwealth pursuant to any other law or ordinance.

SECTION V. - Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any Section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION VI. - Repealer

Any ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VII. - Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION VIII. - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as soon after adoption as is permitted by law.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 17th day of **March, 2021**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Robert A. Zienkowski
Township Manager and Secretary

By: _____
Daniel B. Norris, President