

Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees
Resolution

AMENDMENT OF LOSAP POINT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW § 217(p)

WHEREAS, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees has by appropriate resolution and referendum previously established a Length of Service Awards Program (hereinafter referred to as “LOSAP”) for the active volunteer firefighters of the Woodbury Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has established a Point System for the LOSAP in accordance with General Municipal Law § 217 in order to determine which active volunteer firefighter program participants qualify each year to be awarded a year of service credit under the LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State Disaster Emergency, and issued Executive Order 202 of 2020. In response to the State Disaster Emergency, the Village of Woodbury adopted its own Executive Orders, which resulted in restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned during the period set forth therein, and therefore affected the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn points in the Service Awards Program; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the negative effect this pandemic has had on the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn service credit during 2020 under service award program point systems, New York State legislators and Governor Andrew Cuomo enacted legislation intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program service credit during 2020 from failing to earn a year of service award program service credit during 2020; and

WHEREAS, this legislation, Chapter 113 of 2020 of the Laws of the State of New York, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Woodbury to adopt a resolution to amend the Village of Woodbury Service Award Program point system by adding a new category to the point system under which up to five (5) points per month (prorated for periods of less than one month) may be awarded to active volunteer firefighter members of the Woodbury Fire Department during the period when the aforementioned limitations are in effect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees that, in accordance with the above-referenced statutory authority the Woodbury Fire Department LOSAP Points System is hereby amended to afford active volunteer firefighter program participants credit for an additional five (5) points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and LOSAP coordinators who maintain Point System records are directed to adjust the point totals for each active volunteer firefighter program participant for the time during such period that he or she was listed as an active volunteer firefighter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that volunteer firefighters that were not on the active rolls during all or part of the aforesaid period due to a leave of absence, suspension or other reason shall not be eligible for these special COVID-19 points during any period that they were not active firefighters participating in the accumulation of points under the LOSAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reserves the authority under this Resolution to grant special COVID-19 points during 202 if circumstances warrant.