

**TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTS WITH
THE FULL AUTHORIZATION OF THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Jackson receives important services from the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company provides volunteer emergency services through fire, rescue, and fire police personnel, hereinafter collectively referred to as "fire fighters"; and

WHEREAS, that in order to adequately prepare for time of emergency and disaster the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company and its members must engage in fund raising, training, cooperative mutual assistance, maintenance, and membership solicitation activities; and

WHEREAS, to effectively operate at the scene of an emergency or other call within the Township of Jackson the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company must develop good working relationships with other area fire companies by attending fire association meetings and assisting by way of mutual aid in fires, emergencies, and other calls outside the Township of Jackson.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2005, by the Supervisors of the Township of Jackson:

SECTION 1. That the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company and its members be specifically authorized to respond to all fire, emergency and any other calls for its services from within the Township of Jackson. The geographic limits of Jackson Township are hereby specified as the service area for all ambulance fire and rescue services provided by the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company.

SECTION 2. That the aforesaid Fire Company and its members are hereby specifically authorized to respond to any and all requests for assistance from other

organized and municipally recognized fire fighting, fire police or ambulance associations for assistance.

SECTION 3. That the aforesaid Fire Company and its members be and are hereby specifically authorized to engage in the following activities, when specifically directed by either the President, Fire Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief or other designated person in charge, as authorized by the Fire Company's rules, from time to time: Training, cooperative assistance, maintenance, fund raising activities, any other activities aimed at securing memberships and procuring equipment, attendance at official conventions, attendance at regular and special meetings of the aforesaid Fire Company, attendance at funerals of fellow fire fighters, (when done as a group representing the Fire Company), attendance at civic functions and/or parades, both inside the Township and outside the Township, fire prevention inspection and pre-planning activities; fire hydrant inspection, maintenance and placement planning activities and, any and all other activities and/or functions which are of a type normally engaged in by volunteer fire company and their members.

SECTION 4. That either the President, Fire Chief or other officer designated by the President or Fire Chief of the Fire Company shall report to the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Jackson all activities planned by the Fire Company for the year at the first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors in January. Failure of the designated representative to notify the Board of Supervisors in advance shall not invalidate authorization set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3 herein above.

SECTION 5. That the adoption of this Ordinance shall be construed as the official designation of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company, as the volunteer fire, ambulance, rescue and emergency provider for Jackson Township and shall constitute authority for the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company to engage in mutual aid with any other volunteer fire company or official ambulance, or emergency/rescue organization.

SECTION 6. That any fireman or ambulance personnel engaged in acts of mutual aid authorized by an officer or other pre-designated person of their respective Volunteer Fire Company actually in charge of the situation shall have the explicit authority of the Township of Jackson to so act. Members of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company should not respond to disasters or conflagrations outside of the Township of

Jackson unless requested to do so by official call from Cambria County 911, a request by the Fire Company in charge of the area, or as part of a response previously agreed to as a part of disaster pre-planning.

SECTION 7. That any fireman, fire police or ambulance personnel finding themselves at the scene of any fire, accident, emergency, disaster or conflagration may engage in mutual aid or individual actions without the authority of an officer or other pre-designated person from his/her own fire company i.e. provided that:

- (a) As soon as a primary protection provider arrives on the scene, he/she seeks out the officer in charge of the situation from the primary protection provider; and
- (b) He informs him/her of his/her name, fire company, and level of training; and
- (c) He notifies an officer from his own company or prepares pre-established forms for such purpose immediately upon return to the home municipality.

Adopted by the Jackson Township Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2005.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Supervisor

By: _____
Supervisor

By: _____
Supervisor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Secretary
(Seal)