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INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING PETITION FOR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any additional questions, please contact my office.

1. Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office not later than 4:00 pm on the last Monday of July (**July 29, 2019**). **Petitions are accepted:**

In Person, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:45 pm:

The Office of the Hunterdon County Clerk
Hall of Records, 71 Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822

By Mail*:

Hunterdon County Clerk
PO Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822

*** It is highly recommended that petitions are filed in person; however, if you choose to mail the petition, it must be received prior to the deadline - postmarks are not acceptable.**

2. At least ten (10) signatures shall be required to any petition or two percent of the number of qualified voters who voted in the fire district at the next preceding annual election for members of the board of fire commissioners, whichever is less.
3. The candidate's name, address and office term he/she is seeking must be on the petition before circulation. **DO NOT CIRCULATE BLANK PETITIONS.**
4. Only one candidate can appear on the petition.
5. The circulator of the petition **MUST WITNESS ALL SIGNATURES. DO NOT PASS PETITION TO A SECOND CIRCULATOR - USE A NEW PETITION.**
6. The circulator of the petition must execute the affidavit in Section D. **AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED.**
7. The candidate **MUST FILE AN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE WITH THEIR PETITIONS. OATH MUST BE NOTARIZED.**
8. Any registered voter in the Fire District at the time of signing can sign the petition.
9. Each registered voter can only sign one time for the same candidate and cannot sign more petitions than seats that are available.
11. A candidate can sign his/her own petition and be the circulator.
12. Pursuant to P.L. 2018, ch. 66, all candidates for any public elective office must include a functioning e-mail address on their petition of nomination.

NOMINATING PETITION FOR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To: Mary H. Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk

A: NOMINATING STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the below Fire District in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. We hereby endorse the following as candidate for membership on the below named Board of Fire Commissioners, and we hereby request that the name of said candidate be printed on the Official Ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Fire Commissioners to be held

November _____, 20____.
(Date of General Election)

Fire District Municipality and Number: _____

Candidate Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

PO Address: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Term: Full _____ or **Unexpired:** _____ (if unexpired, number of years remaining _____)

B. SIGNATORIES:

We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that the above candidate is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected a Member of the above Board of Fire Commissioners.

At least ten (10) signatures, which may include the candidate, shall be required to any petition or two percent of the number of qualified voters who voted in the fire district at the next preceding annual election for members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, whichever is less.

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C. NOTICE:

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

Nominating Petition of: _____
(Candidate Name)

NOMINATING PETITION FOR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS (CONTINUED)

D. AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR/WITNESS:

I, _____, the circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on oath, deposes and says: The present petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; the signers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the Board of Fire Commissioner election for which the candidate is nominated; and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate and placing the candidate's name on the official ballot in order to seek election as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners. I further affirm that I am eligible to vote in the State of New Jersey, and meets the age, citizenship and residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

(Circulator's Signature)

(Typed or printed name of Circulator)

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

*Signature of Notary Public, NJ Attorney or other person
authorized under New Jersey law to administer oath*

(Affix notary stamp here)

E. CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, a candidate for membership of the Board of Fire Commissioners named in the foregoing petition, do hereby certify that I am qualified to be a member of the foregoing named Board of Fire Commissioners; that I consent to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office. I further affirm and declare I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*, nor have I been convicted of a disqualifying crime.

I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

(Candidate's Signature)

(Typed or printed name of Candidate)

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

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(Affix notary stamp here)