

Sponsor: Elliott Bopp

ORDINANCE NO. 44-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 133.01 AND 133.04 REGARDING PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has published certain general and permanent ordinances in a volume of Codified Ordinances including Sections 133.01 and 133.04 regarding the personnel and compensation of the members of the City of Jackson Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has determined it necessary to revise Sections 133.01 and 133.04 of the City's Codified Ordinances regarding number and positions of personnel and the stipends to be paid within the Fire Department in lieu of other compensation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That sections 133.01 and 133.04 of the codified ordinances of the City of Jackson be amended as set forth in exhibit "A", attached hereto, with those underlined portions showing the amendments to the original language and that it be placed within the Jackson City code, in regular text.

Section 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City of Jackson, Ohio as the revision is necessary so that compensation of the fire department is consistent with the status of the members of the Department as volunteers. Therefore, this Ordinance shall go into effect upon passage and approval by the Mayor as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 731.30.

Section 3. In the event this Ordinance receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, then this Ordinance shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 14th day of August, 2023.

Paul O. Jule
President of Council

ATTEST:
Linda Kuhn
Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 14th day of August, 2023.

Ramon Owens
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

133.01 PERSONNEL.

The Jackson Volunteer Fire Department shall be composed of the following officers and other members:

- (a) Fire Chief
- (b) Assistant Fire Chief.
- (c) Firefighters Not more than forty (40) volunteer firefighters.
- (d) Auxillary
- (e) Cadets
- (f) The quantity of members will be established by the service-safety director as he determines necessary for the operation of the department and designated as unclassified civil service.

133.04 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; TRAINING; COMPENSATION.

(a) Each firefighter shall be required to complete successfully the training program and State examination as required by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS.

(b) The City Firefighter candidates will pay for his/her own physical Examinations to be administered by a medical facility as determined by the City. Firefighters will be reimbursed reimburse the City for the medical examination expense if he or she fails to complete his or her probationary period. at the completion of the probationary period.

(c) Firefighters and auxillary who responds to the scene of a fire call or a scheduled event are otherwise eligible. will receive a stipend of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid at a rate of eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour for the initial call provided that the volunteer responds to the fire scene or stands by at the station until such time as all equipment has returned to the station. Initial callout shall be eleven dollars (\$11.00) even if less than one hour is required. Call out pay will be available only if the Department is not on an active call at the time of the callout. Each volunteer firefighter shall also be paid eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour, based on actual time clock time, for service rendered after the first hour. If the volunteer firefighter is already clocked in under subdivision (d), then there shall not be a eleven dollar (\$11.00) call out. Award of stipends will be determined by the Chief, Assistant Chief, or their designee. Members must be present for the full event or until approval to leave is given by the chief, assistant chief, or their designee.

(d) Each member volunteer firefighter will also be required to perform other duties which involve the maintenance and operation of the Fire Department. These duties will include truck maintenance, building maintenance, equipment maintenance and hydrant checking, as well as other duties determined by the Fire Chief. Compensation for these duties will be ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for time recorded on the time clock. In all cases, all time being kept on the clock will stop when the officer in charge clocks out.

(e) Training Opportunities. Volunteer firefighters Members may be compensated for department training at the ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour. Other State level training may be compensated at the following rate:

Volunteer Firefighter	(36 hour)	\$200.00
Firefighter I	(84 hour)	\$400.00
Firefighter II	(120 hour)	\$600.00

Additional training opportunities may be available dependent on availability of funds and upon approval of the Fire Chief and the Safety/Service Director.