NOTICE OF ELECTION

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT

On December 8, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Rock Hill Fire District in the town of Thompson, County of Sullivan, State of New York, will be held at the fire station located at 61 Glen Wild Road, Rock Hill, NY 12775 on December 8, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for one, five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2031. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 16, 2026 and residing within the Rock Hill Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of the Rock Hill Fire District, at the fire house at Rock Hill Fire District, PO Box 52, Rock Hill, New York, 12775 no later than twenty days before the election, with the last day for a candidate to file their name in writing on or before November 17, 2026

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a special election of the qualified voters of the Rock Hill Fire District in the town of Thompson, County of Sullivan, State of New York, will be held at the fire station located at 61 Glen Wild Road, Rock Hill, NY 12775 on December 8, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM to vote on whether to approve the following Resolution adopted by such Board of Fire Commissioners:
Should the:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM:

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE ROCK HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2027; STATING THAT THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM SHALL INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF ALLOWABLE SERVICE CREDIT FROM 30 YEARS TO 40 YEARS; THEREBY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT ALLOWABLE FR0M $900.00 TO $1200.00; STATING THAT THE ENTITLEMENT AGE BE LOWERED FROM 65 YEARS OF AGE TO 62 YEARS OF AGE; STATING THAT ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, WHICH REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL TO BE AMENDED, SHALL NOT CHANGE AND THE PROGRAM SHALL CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II-A OF THE

NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AS SUCH LAW IS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioner of said Fire District on October 12, 2026 be approved? The resolution authorizing this referendum was adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on October 12, 2026. All persons registered to vote in the district and residing in the district for at least thirty days prior to the day of the vote may vote in such special election.

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WHEREAS, residents of the Rock Hill Fire District approved a proposition to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Rock Hill Fire Department, effective January 01, 2003, in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law;
WHEREAS, the current program being administered by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rock Hill Fire District permits only 30 years of active service to be credited towards the LOSAP program, and that the plan benefit is based upon $30.00 per month times the total years of credited service, with a maximum benefit of $900.00; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe it to benefit the public to increase the length of credit of a volunteer's time in the LOSAP to forty (40) years, thereby increasing the maximum monthly benefit allowable from $900.00 to $1200.00, all in order to provide an incentive to continue to increase the time of active service;

WHEREAS, the current program being administered by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rock Hill Fire District members to begin receiving benefits at age 65; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe it to benefit the public to reduce the entitlement age to 62 in order to provide an incentive to retain senior members;

WHEREAS, Article 11-A authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rock Hill Fire District to seek voter approval of proposed amendments to the Service Award Program;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Fire Commissioners to propose amendments in order to improve the Service Award Program benefits to active volunteer firefighter members of the Rock Hill Fire Department;
WHEREAS, the anticipated increase in cost of the program is estimated to be an average of $24,500 per year due to the proposed change.

WHEREAS, such improvement in Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Rock Hill Fire Department recruit and retain active volunteer firefighter members;
NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF THOMPSON, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK ("THE DISTRICT") HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The Rock Hill Fire District, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Rock Hill Fire District in an election to be held on December 8, 2026, to determine whether the previously established Rock Hill Fire District Defined Benefit Service Award Program, currently administered by the Rock Hill Fire District for active volunteer firefighter members of the Rock Hill Fire Department, shall be amended, effective January 01, 2027, to increase the maximum number of years of allowable service credit from 30 years to 40 years, thereby increasing the maximum monthly benefit allowable from $900 to $1200 AND reduce the entitlement age from 65 to 62 years of age
SECTION 2. This resolution is expected to increase the total annual minimum required contribution by about $24,500;

SECTION 3. All other provisions of the Rock Hill Fire District Service Award Program, which require voter approval to be amended, shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Rock Hill Fire District in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

The polls will be open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours, and the ballot will be in substantially the following form, to wit:

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duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioner of said Fire District on October 12, 2026 be approved? Those who are qualified to vote on the aforesaid proposition are qualified voters who shall have resided in said Rock Hill Fire District for thirty days next preceding such election.

Dated: Rock Hill, New York
November 6, 2026

Commissioner Jerry D'Agostino moved, Commissioner Raymond Benson seconded, and the Board of Fire Commissioners voted as follows:

Commissioner Steven Gottlieb Aya
Commissioner Jerry D'Agostino Aya
Commissioner Ronald Lindholm Aya
Commissioner Raymond Benson Aya
Commissioner Gary Smith Absent

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rock Hill Fire District in the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York

By: _____

Debbie Mitchell
Fire District Secretary