

combination of fire departments and/or ambulance departments, except that simultaneous service shall not be counted as two separate years.

2. The Chiefs of Stafford Fire Department # 1 and the West Stafford Fire Department, and the Presidents of SSVFD and the Ambulance Association will submit all names with the total number of points earned by each member in the preceding calendar year to the Town with supporting documentation by March 1st after the close of the calendar year on December 31st.
3. The Town will have the right to verify the names and points and to look at the organization' books to resolve any discrepancies or questions.
4. No waivers or exceptions can be made to this abatement ordinance and this ordinance shall supercede all organizational bylaws, rules, and regulations, which shall be in conflict with this abatement ordinance.
5. Anyone aggrieved by the amount of the abatement may appeal to the Board of Selectmen during the month of April. Failure to appeal by the end of April shall constitute a waiver of the appeal.
6. The abatement shall be deducted from the Stafford TOWN taxes due and not from the Service District or the Sewer User fees.
7. No stipend shall be given to a member who does not own property in Stafford and no inter local agreements will be entered into for non-residents. Members who qualify but are not current in their taxes shall have the abatement credited to the oldest tax liability outstanding. Property must be owned by the qualifying member and not by a corporation, LLC, partnership, or another family member.
8. Each volunteer who qualifies shall receive the abatement up to the total Stafford town taxes owed, regardless of household maximum.
9. If a member participates in two or more services only the highest point value will be counted for one service.
10. Paid emergency service personnel are ineligible for the ambulance abatement program.
11. By majority vote, the Board of Selectmen may make minor revisions to this ordinance without need for a Town Meeting.
12. Any active volunteer firefighter or ambulance member who is receiving a tax abatement under the terms of this ordinance and who is called to active duty for the United States Military shall continue to receive the same tax abatement that they were receiving prior to being called to duty.

This ordinance shall take effect and shall be applicable to taxes owed beginning with taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2000, Due and payable on July 1, 2001.

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