

# **RIDGEFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES**

## **Ordinance No.**

### **Line of Duty Death Determinations for Municipal Personnel**

#### **§ Statutory Authority and Purpose**

- A. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to and in conformity with Public Act 24-16, as further codified in the Connecticut General Statutes.
- B. This ordinance is intended to authorize the Director of the Human Resources Department, in consultation with the relevant service chief or administrative department head, to determine whether a firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical personnel, died in the line of duty, if such personnel died under circumstances set forth in Public Act 24-16.

#### **§ Definitions**

- A. “Emergency Medical Service Personnel” shall have the same meaning as provided in Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-175, as amended.
- B. “Firefighter” shall mean a uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter, as set forth in Public Act 24-16, as amended.
- C. “Police Officer” shall have the same meaning as provided in Connecticut General Statutes § 7-294a, as amended.

#### **§ Line of Duty Deaths Determination**

- A. The Director of the Human Resources Department, in consultation with the police chief, fire chief, service chief or administrative head of the deceased personnel’s department or unit, shall have the authority to determine whether a firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel died in the line of duty, if their death was caused by a cardiac event, stroke or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such personnel completed a shift or training.
- B. Such determination by the Director of the Human Resources Department shall not be used as evidence for a workers’ compensation claim under chapter 568 of the Connecticut General Statutes.