

VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT

Fundraising Activity Policy

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Policy:	Fundraising Activity Policy
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Authority:	NYS General Municipal Law § 204-a
Cross-reference:	

General Municipal Law Section 204-a requires that prior to engaging in any fundraising activity, the Department must provide written notice to the Fire District. The notice must state that the Department plans to conduct a fundraising activity.

A notice must be given to the Fire District secretary. The notice must generally:

1. Describe the activity;
2. Specify the time or times when, the place where, and the period during which the activity will be conducted;
3. Set forth the names of the firefighters who will serve on each of the committees in connection with the activity.

The notice shall be delivered to the secretary of the district. If the District fails to act on the request for approval within thirty (30) days after notice is provided, then approval shall have been granted by default.

In the event of a recurring activity (such as a monthly or weekly event), one notice shall suffice per year.

Sale of tickets for admission to or in connection with a fundraiser can only be sold by persons appointed as a committee. In addition, any fundraising activity must be held within 60 days after ticket sales begins. (NYS General Municipal Law § 204-a (8)(b))

The district may request information on the amount of funds spent by the Department, the attendance of the community at the event, the amount of funds raised by the Department, and the benefit to the Department, its members and the public, to determine whether the risk of permitting the event is acceptable to the rewards of holding the event.

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
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