



September 21st, 2023

Mr. Andrew Simonsick, Sr.
17 Overbrook Ave
Maple Shade NJ 08052
Via Regular & Certified Mail

Re: Notice of Termination of Appointment

Dear Andrew,

On Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, the Township of Maple Shade was notified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety that your IMS and HazMat IC Certifications in relation to your position as the Maple Shade Fire Department Chief, had been revoked. As such, according to DFS, *"you are no longer allowed to serve in any supervisory or managerial or directional position in the operational fire service or on any fireground / emergency scene which the fire service is operating."*

On June 29th, 2023, a certified letter was sent to you from my office as official notice that effective immediately you were being suspended as the Fire Chief of the Maple Shade Fire Department as result of the revocation by the State of New Jersey Division of Fire Safety; you were not to act in any supervisory, managerial or directional position in the operational fire services, on any fireground or emergency scene which the Maple Shade Fire Department is operating. Additionally, the vehicle allocated to you was to be returned to the municipal building parking lot, 200 Stiles Ave., and the keys turned into the Maple Shade Police Department.

This action was in consultation with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Special Labor Counsel, Jonathan Cohen, Esq., of Plosia Cohen, LLC.

Since notifying you of the suspension, my office has been made aware that you have been involved in engaging personnel from surrounding fire department agencies with negative conduct during mutual aid responses in Maple Shade.

In light of these new allegations, it has been determined that your appointment as a Maple Shade Firefighter is hereby terminated. You are prohibited from performing any and all fire service operations on behalf of the Maple Shade Township Fire Department and/or the Township of Maple Shade; this includes but is not limited to attending fires as a firefighter in Maple Shade Township issued gear, driving municipally owned vehicles and apparatus, conducting or



participating in training on behalf of the Maple Shade Fire Department and all fire programs or fire services that are fully or partially funded with tax payers dollars. Failure to adhere to this directive may result in further action being taken.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Danson, MPA, QPA
Township Manager

cc: Ellen McDowell, Esq.
Eileen Fahey, Esq.