

ORDINANCE NO. 27 -2015
INTRODUCED BY: LENTINE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143, "DIVISION OF FIRE", TO ADD NEW SECTION 143.10 TO SET A MAXIMUM AGE FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE POSITION OF ENTRY-LEVEL FIREFIGHTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, federal and state law permit municipalities to set a maximum age for original appointments to entry-level firefighter positions and provide a safe harbor for the municipality to adopt such an age restriction under federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the guideline under state law at O.R.C. § 124.42 sets forth a maximum age limitation of forty (40) for such original appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission of the City of Richmond Heights is preparing to administer an entry-level firefighter examination for the purpose of filling potentially immediate staffing needs in the Division of Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Chapter 143, "Division of Fire", is amended to add new Section 143.10 to read as follows:

"143.10 MAXIMUM AGE OF ORIGINAL APPOINTEES TO ENTRY-LEVEL FIREFIGHTER.

The maximum age for original appointments to the position of entry-level firefighter in the Municipality shall be age forty (40)."

Section 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary to preserve and enhance the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and property owners of the City and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to administer a Civil Service examination for original appointment to the position of entry-level firefighter in the City of Richmond Heights due to potential job openings for that position and to satisfy funding sources for appointments to that position; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

Eloise Cotton-Henry
President of Council