



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: February 1, 2022
From: Larry Schwartz, City Attorney
Item: Residency requirements for appointed officers.

Purpose: Consider first reading of a Charter Ordinance exempting the City of Arkansas City, Kansas from provisions of K.S.A. 14-1502 as it relates to the residency requirement for appointed officers.
(Roll Call Vote)

Background:

K.S.A. 14-1501 establishes appointed officers for Cities of the 2nd class with the Commission/Manager form of government as a city attorney, a city clerk, a city treasurer, a municipal judge of the municipal court, a city marshal, a fire chief, and such other officers, assistants and employees as deemed necessary for the best interest of the city.

The purpose of exemption is to eliminate undue restrictions to the current employee base, as well as the future applicant pool. Further, the City utilizes response times, managed at the position level, eliminating the need for a residency requirement.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Charter Ordinance on first reading
2. Table the Charter Ordinance for a second reading

Fiscal Impact:

Amount:

Fund: Department: Expense Code:

☐ Included in budget ☐ Grant ☐ Bonds ☐ Other Not Budgeted

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager