
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Legal

FROM: Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney/Compliance Manager

MEETING: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of an ordinance amending Article II “Fire Department” of Chapter 38 “Fire Prevention” of the City of Burleson Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing Division 2 “Volunteer Fire Department” and Division 3 “Fire Prevention Department” setting forth that the fire department is no longer a volunteer fire department, that the fire prevention department is a division of the fire department, and that the fire marshal reports to the fire chief. (First Reading)
(Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Deputy City Attorney/Compliance Manager)

SUMMARY:

The proposed ordinance seeks to amend current code of ordinances provisions that are out of date and to have the ordinances match current operating procedures in the fire department. The proposed ordinance makes the following changes:

1. Removes references to the fire department being a volunteer fire department;
2. Removes references to the utilization of volunteer firefighters;
3. Removes references to the appointment of assistant fire chiefs and company officers, so that such positions follow standard employment procedures of the City; and
4. Removes references to the fire prevention department (fire marshal’s office) being a department separate from the fire department, and inserts language that fire prevention (fire marshal’s office) shall be a division within the fire department and that the fire marshal reports to the fire chief.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the ordinance as proposed
- 2) Approve the ordinance with changes
- 3) Deny the proposed ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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