

## AN ORDINANCE

### NO.

An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code by repealing and replacing Section 17-25 to revise the criteria for promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and for other purposes.

### THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1.

Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is amended by repealing Section 17-25 pertaining to promotional procedures of the Columbus Police Department, and replacing with a new Section 17-25 to read as follows:

#### **Sec. 17-25. - Eligibility for promotions.**

- (a) *For promotion to police sergeant.* To be eligible to participate in the promotional procedure for police sergeant, the employee must hold the rank of police officer or its equivalent as determined by the chief of police and have a minimum of five years of sworn law enforcement service in a full-time status in any jurisdiction, to include service in the military police. For purposes of computation of service, all eligibles who will have completed the fifth year of such service on the date on which the written phase of the sergeant's promotional procedure is given, shall be deemed to have met the length of service requirement.
- (b) *For promotion to police lieutenant.* To be eligible to participate in the promotional procedure for police lieutenant, the employee must hold the rank of police sergeant and have a minimum of three years' continuous service, including the probationary period, as a police sergeant with the Police Department of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia. For purposes of computation of service, eligibles who will have completed the third year of such service on the date on which the written phase of the lieutenant's promotional procedure is given, shall be deemed to have met the length of service requirement.
- (c) *For promotion to police captain.* To be eligible to participate in the promotional procedure for police captain, the employee must hold the rank of police lieutenant and have a minimum of two years of continuous service, including the probationary period, as a police lieutenant with the Police Department of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia. All eligibles who have completed the second year of service on the first day of the captain's assessment center, shall be deemed to have met the length of service requirement.

(d) To be eligible to participate in any promotional procedure for sergeant or higher rank , the officer must successfully complete an eighteen month probation period at the Columbus Police Department This probationary period may be credited toward the five year minimum service required by paragraph (a) above. To be eligible to participate in any future promotional procedure for lieutenant and captain, the employee must possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by this Columbus Police Department.”

SECTION 2 .

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_ day of November, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor